

The Teachers in Year 1 are: Miss Benson and Mrs Pycroft
The Teaching Assistants are: Mrs Stimpson and Miss Webb

Our Topic this Half Term is 'Bright Lights, Big City'

As part of our main project, this half term we will be completing different mini projects:

- Rain and Sun Rays (Art and Design) – This project teaches children about collagraph printing, including how to develop a motif to make single and repeated prints.
- Seasonal changes (Science) – This project teaches children about the seasons, seasonal changes and typical seasonal weather and events. They learn about measuring the weather and the role of a meteorologist. Children will begin to learn about the science of day and night, and recognise that the seasons have varying day lengths in the UK.

English

In English, we will be learning more about The Great Fire of London and Samuel Peeps. We will use this learning to write a letter to inform Samuel Pepys about the fire and ask him questions. Then, we will be using our seasons learning to write seasonal descriptions.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

You could enjoy a walk and spot signs of the seasons. In the spring, can you see new flowers starting to blossom or baby animals learning new things?

Look out for different pieces of art. How have they been made? Can you spot any that have used collagraphs printing? Take a photo and bring them in to share!

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Number and counting
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Measure
- Geometry

General Reminders:

Home Learning: Every Friday, children will receive their home learning via their email account on Purple Mash. This will consist of one maths task, one writing task and spellings. Please support your child in accessing the email and completing the tasks by the following Thursday.

Reading: Please listen to your child read at home at least 3 times a week. This additional practice places a crucial role in increasing children's fluency and confidence. Please bring your book on a Wednesday, to be changed, and on a Friday, for our reading time.

PE: Both classes will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.

Please ensure your child wears their school PE kit on these days. This should consist of: Plain white t-shirt, navy/black zip top or jumper, navy/black shorts/leggings/joggers and trainers or black pumps. Please ensure earrings are removed before arriving at school on PE days.

Water Bottles:

Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain water.

Healthy Snack:

Fruit snack is provided for all Year 1 children every day. Children are welcome to bring their own fruit snack to school.

Useful Websites:

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/reigate-de22>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/40309>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/pa>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Spring Dates for your Diary:

26.2.24 – Spring 2 starts.
7.3.24 – World Book Day.
12.3.24 & 14.3.24 – Parent's Evening
15.3.24 – Comic Relief
28.3.24 – Easter Bonnet Parade & Last day of term
15.4.24 – Back to School

Any other Information

Please remember that if you have any concerns or worries about your child, contact a member of the team and we will happily arrange a time to meet with you to discuss and help.