



I hope you have all enjoyed your half term break and are ready for a short but important few weeks at school. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities coming up in the next few weeks prior to Easter. Here is a brief overview of what we will be covering this half term.

English

We are currently looking at the book 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew, which links nicely with our topic of London. Following this, we will explore the season of Spring, and the start of new life through a variety of texts that are centred around young animals such as 'Baby Owls'.

All this will be going on alongside our Read Write Inc. phonics and handwriting. We are focussing on good letter formation and correct sizing of letters. Your support with this is appreciated and home jotters will continue to be sent home weekly as well as reading/library books.

Maths

This half term, we will be introducing the topic of measurement. This will include measuring the length and height of objects using rulers and other measuring apparatus. We will also explore mass and volume. Class one will get hands on with weighing scales and measuring different objects.

IXL will be updated regularly to follow our progress through the White Rose Maths syllabus and your support with this at home is extremely valuable.

Topic

London is the topic this half term. We are comparing the capital city to other areas in the United Kingdom. We are exploring the landmarks, buildings and geography of the big city to establish the differences between an urban area and our rural setting.

The children will be creating their own London inspired artworks, using some of the most famous British symbols.

Science and Computing

In Science, we will be continuing our work on animals, classifying species into groups such as vertebrates and invertebrates. We will be looking closely at the anatomies of animals and how this influences their movements and lifestyles.

Throughout this term in Computing, we are going to be looking at Maze Building, using our 'BeeBots' and using direction keys to move objects.

PHSE and RE

During our RE time we will continue exploring the question 'Why do we care?'. We will discuss how we care for each other and what small actions can make a big difference to those around us. Class 1 will be recapping on kindness, while looking at valuing differences. They will learn that accepting difference, be it in people or events, is positive and can lead to new experiences.

PE

We are very lucky to have Project Sport coming into school to share their experience of a healthy lifestyle with us all. We will look at how to stay fit and healthy, how much exercise we need and some of the best ways to have fun and stay fit at the same time. Your child will need a fully-labelled PE kit, including correct footwear in school in order to participate. As per the school policy, long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up in PE.

Important Dates this half term:

22nd March – Family sharing evening. 3.30 – 4.30pm
29th March – End of term



Here are a just a few ways in which you can aid your child's learning at home and additional information to help you;

- Please continue sharing stories with your child and if possible listening to your child read every evening.
- Please could your child practise writing both his/her forename and surname.
- Please could you support your child in recognising and practising forming numbers to 100.
- Could you also please support your child in correctly forming each letter of the alphabet. **(Letter formation sheet attached)**
- P.E. kits will be needed on both a Wednesday and a Friday. Please leave a P.E. kit in school with your child for the whole of each half term. They can store them in their lockers. Please note- P.E. may take place on other days also.
- Library books will be changed on a Wednesday and reading books throughout the week.
- Homework will be sent home on a Friday; now consisting of handwriting/spellings to learn in home jotters and an IXL Maths activity. The children have a username and password for IXL; please remind your children to regularly practice. We recommend spending around an hour a week on homework and be sure to keep listening to your children read.

We all hope your child continues to enjoy Year 1. Please do let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. The children have had a brilliant first week back and we hope they will continue their fantastic effort and hard work.

Mr Hobson, Miss Watkins and the Year 1 Team!



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