

Things you can do to support your child at home...

Literacy

- It is essential to read at least three times a week with your child and write in their reading diary. Please talk about the text and ask questions that will encourage more than one word answers.
- Children should now be secure in Phase 3 and 4 Phonics. We have now introduced all Phase 5 sounds. Please continue to practise recognising these sounds. Phonics guidance can be found on the website.
- Practise distinguishing between fiction and non-fiction books at home or at the library. Can they talk about the features of these types of books? E.g. Non-fiction texts have a contents page, an index, photos and captions.

Maths

- As often as possible, show your child the different coins when you are out shopping and remind them of their value. Investigate problems such as, "The toy costs £1. Which coins might I use to pay for the toy?"
- Practise telling the time to the hour and half past the hour.

Topic

- Observe seasonal changes. Can you spot any signs of Spring?
- Locate the UK on a map of the world or a globe. Which countries are in the United Kingdom?

Year 1 Spring 2



Curriculum Information

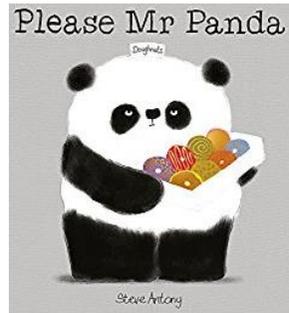
English

The children will be consolidating their grammar, punctuation and composition skills through a text driven curriculum. We will begin this Half Term by studying the author Steve Antony and his books 'Please, Mr Panda' and 'Thank you, Mr Panda'. The theme of Memories and Life Events will be explored through the text Grandad's Island, where we will be receiving a message in a bottle! We will be concentrating on writing sentences to form short narratives. Editing, correcting and improving what we have written will also continue to be a focus this Half Term.

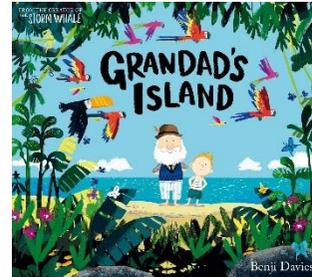
Mathematics

We will continue to develop our reasoning skills through talking about methods used to solve problems and explaining choices and decisions orally or using pictures. We will be learning how to choose more efficient methods to solve addition and subtraction calculations. For example, understanding that addition can be done in any order and use this knowledge to put the larger number first. Through practical activities, we will develop our understanding of Measures, with a focus on Capacity this Half Term.

Brilliant Books



Memories



Art & DT

The children will be using drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. This will include creating sculptures of landmarks around the UK.

ICT

We will be learning about algorithms and how they are implemented as programs on digital devices, through following and creating simple instructions on a computer.

PE

We will be working towards performing an Indian inspired dance using simple movement patterns. During our Games sessions, the children will participate in a variety of team games.

History & Geography

We will use the story of The Queen's Handbag to support our learning. We will be learning to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. We will also practise naming and locating the world's continents and oceans in lots of creative ways!

Science

We will focus on developing our scientific enquiry skills. We will continue to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will also draw upon our experience of planting a bean to describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.