



KS1 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year One

Autumn 1st Half Term: September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish all of the children a very warm welcome back to school and into Year 1. We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Please refer to the table below, for a brief overview of the learning experiences that the children will have in each subject, during this half term.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	In English the key texts will be 'Meesha Makes Friends' 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Biscuit Bear' We will be creating story maps and retelling parts of the story. Hot seating the characters. Writing simple sentences, instructions and captions. There will be a focus on grammar and spelling – using their phonic knowledge of phase 2 and phase 3 phonemes. Writing high frequency words and using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We will also focus on handwriting and correct letter formation.
Phonics	This half term we will begin by revising our Phase Two and Phase Three phonemes. We will be developing the children's ability to read and spell words containing these phonemes and will particularly focus on words containing adjacent consonants such as 'spoon', 'float' and 'trip'. During our phonics lessons we will also be helping the children to learn to read common exception words. The words we will be thinking about this half term include said, so, have, like, come, were, there, little and one .
Maths	In maths we will be continuing with addition and subtraction and place value. The children will be sorting, counting and representing objects. Comparing groups and finding 1 more or 1 less. They will learn number bonds to 10 and will count, read and write numbers to 20.
Science	Our Science topic this half term is 'Materials'. The children will be learning to identify different materials including plastic, metal, wood, glass and paper. They will be learning about the properties of these materials and will be thinking of different ways in which they can be grouped. We will also be investigating which materials are best for protecting us from rain.
Computing	In computing we will be introducing Purple Mash (an online platform for Primary aged children). Children will learn how to login to Purple Mash and will explore different programs including the Maths games and the paint program. They will also learn how to save their work. Throughout this unit of work, we will be talking about how we can stay safe on line and will particularly focus on the importance of not sharing personal information.
History	Our History topic this term is 'Toys Past and Present' We will learn about toys that our parents and grandparents played with, how toys have changed and how to identify toys that are old or new.



	We will also be having a focus week in October on 'Inspirational People in Black History.'
PSHE	In PSHE we will be meeting 'Jigsaw Jack' We will be looking at 'Being Me in My World' Our learning will be around Rights and Responsibilities, feeling Special and Safe, Consequences and Feeling Proud.
DT	We will be planning, designing and making a house for the Three Little Pigs.
RE	This half term we will be looking at Judaism and learning about Shabbat. We will find out why Shabbat is important to Jewish children.
Music	In music we will continue to follow our Charanga programme of study. The children will learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will listen and sing along to Old-School Hip Hop tunes.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be set on Google Classroom and will consist of weekly spellings and **an alternating Maths or Literacy/Topic activity**. The activities will be set on Friday and will need to be completed and turned in by **the following Wednesday**. We will provide the children with a 'Home Learning' exercise book, which they can use to record their work, if they wish. A photograph can be taken of the learning and then uploaded and submitted to Google Classroom. Home learning exercise books are to be kept at home.

In addition to home-learning tasks, we recommend that children also engage with RM Easi-Maths on a regular basis. Please let a member of the Year 1 team know, if you need any help accessing these platforms

Reading

Each week we will be sending home two school reading books. These books will be sent home in a plastic folder, which we will provide. We ask that these reading folders and reading books are sent into school every day. As part of our COVID 19 control measures, when books are returned we place them in a quarantine box for 72 hours before they are sent out again.

One of the most important ways in which you can support your child's learning is to ensure that they engage with 10- 15 minutes reading every day. This can consist of hearing them read their school reading book or sharing books that you have at home. We will continue to use the reading record on Google Classroom to monitor children's reading. It is important that you look at the reading record on a regular basis and make a brief comment about your child's reading at least once a week. If you need any help accessing this record, please let the Year 1 team know by emailing the school office

P.E.

We will be having a coached PE session every **Friday**. The class will also have PE on a **Wednesday**. On these days, children will need to **come in to school wearing their PE kit**. This should consist of their school PE t-shirt, jogging bottoms/PE shorts and trainers (not plimsolls, due to possible wet weather).

What will my child need in school?

- **Named** school jumper/cardigan/coat
- Named water bottle (water fountains are still not in use)
- Folder containing reading book (provided by school)
- Children won't need a large school bag as they are no longer bringing PE kits/home learning folders to and from school. Children may use a plastic bag if they need to bring anything in.



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- Children can bring in school book bags if they have them.
- Small packet of tissues, and we also ask for any donations of larger tissue boxes for the classroom.
- Children having packed lunch will need to continue to use a plastic bag rather than a lunch box please.

We are very much looking forward to working with you over the course of the next academic year. If you have any questions, please contact the class team via the School Office email.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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