



This term the Year 1 topic is Events beyond living memory
The topic offers many cross-curricular opportunities and will be closely linked to our History, Art/DT and Science learning.

This term's topics

This term our topics include:

History: The Great Fire of London

Science: Materials

DT: Healthy Eating

Spring Term in Year 1

Welcome back to a new and exciting term in Year 1. This term the children will be studying many new and exciting topics, whilst also revisiting some of the key concepts they have already learnt in order to help them consolidate and broaden their knowledge and understanding.

I hope that the following information is useful in helping you support your child at home with their learning.

Home Learning

The children are expected to read at least four times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes. We encourage parents to ask questions to check their child's understanding and explain their thinking.

We will be starting spelling based on the Year 1 Common exception words. These will be issued on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Please also use the websites listed to help your child consolidate their learning.

Useful Website



Topic

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

Maths

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

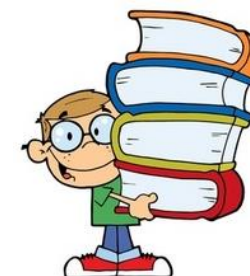
English

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82>

In the Spring Term, our focus in reading, will move from decoding to comprehension. Weekly comprehension will be sent home for your child to complete independently once they are reading at blue. In Spring 2, we will complete regular verbal and written comprehension daily in class.



This term, as part of their core subjects of study...

Maths

This term the children will be covering:

- Number – adding and subtracting within 30
- Length and height in standard and non-standard form
- Counting and writing numbers to 40
- Addition and subtraction word problems
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions

English

Alongside our daily discrete phonics teaching, we will be covering in English lessons:

- stories with repeating patterns and counting stories
- traditional tales
- writing instructions
- information texts
- Poetry, including humorous poems and poems on our senses.

We will continue to focus on improving our handwriting, forming recognisable letter shapes and linking our letters together.

Science

This term we will be learning about everyday materials. We will explore commonly found materials and describe some of their properties, including whether they are natural or man-made. Children will carry out simple tests to answer questions like: What is the best material for an umbrella, curtains, bookshelf and a bear's coat. They will report on their findings and discuss how they could make their investigation better. We will look in more detail at paper, finding out where paper comes from and make some items from paper. Children will be exploring floating and sinking and carrying out a number of investigations.

I am looking forward to the exciting term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Miss Moore ☺

As part of their wider, topic related studies...

History

We will be learning about The Great Fire of London and the importance of fire safety. The children will be working together to re-enact the story of that day and will create their own Tudor houses. We will research reasons as to why the fire spread so quickly and what changes have been made as a consequence of the fire.

Computing

Year 1 will be having a big focus on E-safety, staying safe online and stranger danger. We will continue to work on our typing skills using word and becoming more familiar with the use of the computer keyboard.

Geography:

We will be undertaking 'Our Local Area Study'. We will be looking at how Ashford is now and key landmarks within the area. The children will look at maps and create their own maps of Ashford with a simple key.

Music

We will be working on our singing voices this term as well as learning to play an instrument.

Art:

We will be looking at painting and different media. We will learn about composition and work with different art materials to create texture. We will be studying the artist Clarice Cliff and creating our own plates in the style of this artist.

PE:

This term in PE we will be focusing on different ways of balancing using various body parts. We will also be engaging in a number of Yoga activities centred around key curriculum areas this term. We will also be learning some simple invasion games and working on skills necessary to succeed at these types of games.

Design and Technology

For cooking we will be focusing on Healthy Eating, looking at where different fruit & vegetables come from and designing and making fruit smoothies.

RE

This term our focus is 'How do Christians follow Jesus?' After half term, we will talk about 'What do Christians believe God is like?' Towards the end of the term we will be finding out about what eggs have to do with Easter.