

Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to Year 1

I am so pleased to be able to welcome you back into school and to be teaching your child this term. In year 1, our learning continues to be playful, active and in a cross-curricular set up, with well-being taking precedence.

This is one of my favourite terms and we have lots of exciting learning to be had. During this term, we have a few themed weeks in class, so this is just a snippet of what will be taking place in the classroom and I am looking forward to sharing our learning via our Year 1 class page.

Mrs Watson-Brown is our Tuesday morning teacher.

Friendly Reminders

Please ensure your child has their name on all of their belongings.

- They have their water bottle*
- That they wear trainers
- That home toys stay at home
- That attire matches the seasons.

We will be going outside in all weather, please ensure a pair of gloves are kept in their bag throughout the colder months.

*Bottles can be filled up throughout the day



P.E

Movement is vital, particularly to build up our gross motor skills. Regular movement activities are included every day in the classroom and although P.E will take a different set up this term, I can ensure that it will be taught and included during our learning week.

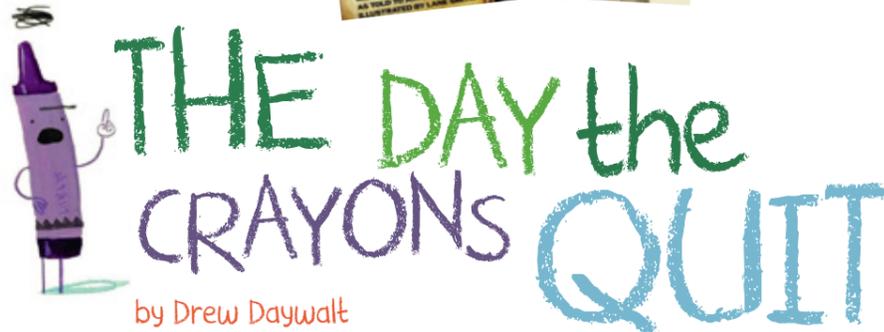


Reading

Phonics is taught daily and this term we will be recapping phase 3 sounds, before moving on to phase 5.

Please continue to read a variety of books to your child and hear your child read at least 3 times a week. This will greatly benefit their understanding of sounds, imagination, the pronunciation of words, and overall reading accuracy. Ask questions about what they've read, what do they think will happen next, what do they think is happening in the picture, is it a fiction or non-fiction text, how do you think the character sounds? etc.

Reading just 1-2 pages a day will greatly benefit your child's reading.



This will be our terms reading book and the main inspiration for our cross-curricular teaching. We'll be learning about story plots, using role-play to help us learn about character emotions, and using discussion to help us form opinions. We will also learn some great social skills through PSHE and develop our creativity and colour knowledge through art.



Geography, History, art & R.E

In the second half of the term, our cross-curricular focus is Mexico. Looking at their culture, food and climate in comparison to ours, as well as identifying the 7 continents of the world and seeing where Mexico and the UK is on a globe. The influential artist Frida Kahlo, will be our inspiration for art. We'll be looking at some of her paintings and the bright, vibrant colours she used.

Christmas and thanksgiving will be mini focus topics during this term. Why we celebrate Christmas and why it is important to be kind to others and show thanks for what we have.

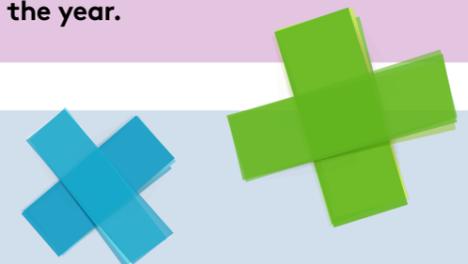


Science



We'll be looking at animal groupings, the human body and how to keep it healthy, as well as investigating and looking at the basic structure of a pumpkin plant. Seasonal changes will be an ongoing topic throughout the year.

Maths



Number and place value is this term's main focus, how we write, say, and make amounts. Counting forwards and backwards within 20. Number bonds to 10 are also a key focus. In wider maths, we'll be looking at shape. Understanding the time drips in daily throughout the year, as does the 5x tables.

How to help in your child's maths:

Time is such a challenging topic. Introducing your child to the time, in everyday situations, will positively impact their mind-set in an area that many children struggle with. Maths can be included just about everywhere. Money is something that is being heavily replaced by cards, so allow your child to play with coins or set them a budget to buy treats with. Even at this age, they love to be positively challenged.

- Top Marks Website| learn to count with games
- Jack Hartman on Youtube