

Year 1 Learning Letter

This Term's Projects

Our new project this summer term is titled 'Coast to Coast'. We began the term by completing our 'Passports' and discovering more about the United Kingdom. The children loved sampling traditional foods, music and costume from the countries of the UK. During the term we will continue learning about the United Kingdom, we will improve our printing skills, and explore artists who use natural materials in their artwork, e.g. Andy Goldsworthy. In Science, our focus for learning will be growing plants.

In the second half of the term, Year 1 will be taking part in the 'Singing for Joy' concert at Exeter University, where we will be singing some traditional songs – more details to follow later.

Year 1 Summer Home Learning

ESSENTIAL each week:

Reading

x3 sessions of up to 10-15 minutes reading the Guided Reading or other book to a grown up.

Maths

x3 sessions of up to 5-10 minutes practise of the current maths skills that your teacher has selected for the class on Education City.

OPTIONAL to enjoy over the Summer Term

to further support your child's learning and skills. How much time to spend of each task will depend on the activity. A good rule to go by is... enough time to enjoy but not too much time to make learning a chore.

Draw: your own spotter sheet for a friend.

Research: how many different types of birds can you spot around where you live?

Visit:

<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/discover-wildlife/kids-zone>

Go to: a part of beautiful Britain near you – try Haldon Forest, Mincinglake Valley Park or Stoke Woods. Why not take a 'spotter sheet' with you?

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*Did you know that you can print off certificates from Education City?*

## Mathematics

Children will be extending their knowledge of numbers and our number system, focusing on numbers up to 100. We will be concentrating on solving problems with addition and subtraction. Counting forwards and backwards remains a really important skill to master, by the end of Year 1 we need to ensure that everyone can count on and back within 100, so please practise this at home.

We will also be consolidating our number bonds to 20. This will involve lots of bug hunts and outdoor counting!



*'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'*

*Nelson Mandela*

## English

In English, we will be continuing to strengthen our story writing skills by writing short narratives. We will be focusing on traditional tales such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Enormous Turnip'. These stories will inspire our storytelling and writing.

As we progress through the term, we will build on our English skills and will be looking at the use of prefixes and suffixes. As we prepare for look towards moving to Year 2 we will be working hard on our tricky word spelling and being resourceful – making sure we use the 'iboxes' in the classroom if we get stuck.

In handwriting, we will be continuing to join as many letters as we can in each word.



## So far this term we have...

- explored the countries of the United Kingdom and learnt about their traditions
- written the story of 'Whatever Next' in our best handwriting
- learnt about British trees and the meaning of evergreen and deciduous
- become amazing mathematicians using the 'count-on' and 'count-back' methods in 10s.

## Out and About



you try to complete our summer flower spotter you might recognise some of these from our school you can download this sheet and lots of other sheets about insects, animals, birds and plants from [www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/spotting-sheets](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/spotting-sheets)

## SUMMER FLOWERS



*inspire*

~

*discover*

~

*succeed*



## Did you know...?

- The Queen has two birthdays! Her real birthday and a ceremonial one.
- An average size tree can provide enough wood to make 170,100 pencils.
- A beluga was spotted in the River Thames last year and still thought to be living in the river.
- A hedgehog has between 5,000 and 7,000 quills

What else do you know?