

Year 1 Learning Letter

This Term's Projects

Our new Y1 project this autumn term is titled '**We All Fit Together**'. As we are getting to know our new teachers, classrooms and classmates, we will be learning what it is that makes us all so unique and special.

- We will be starting the year by learning all about our body and how our senses work. This will involve a visit by Nurse Sarah from the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.
- After half term we will have a special visit from Theatre Alibi 'Table Manners' and a seasonal trip to the Phoenix Theatre to see 'Puffin Island', before Christmas.
- In art we will be exploring the work of the artist Andy Warhol.

Mathematics

Children will extend their knowledge of the number system, focusing on numbers up to 20. Working out 'one more and one less', adding two numbers together and becoming confident with the place value of numbers. Correct formation of each digit is a really important skill to master, so we will be practising!

Towards the end of term we will be using money to show our understanding of maths and starting to tell the time, to the o'clock.

Some great ways to practise maths at home at the moment will be to check on the time when on the hour, and do some cooking together, discussing weights and measures whilst having fun!



'It shouldn't matter how slowly a child learns as long as we are encouraging them not to stop.'

Robert John Meehan

English

In English, to support our theme of new relationships and being kind, we have begun our learning by using the book 'Sylvia and Bird' by Catherine Rayner. We will soon move onto 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. With the help of actions and story maps we will learn the story, this will help us to write our own super sentences. Our main focus is writing a 'golden sentence' with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop (or a question mark). In Year 1 we are becoming determined learners who don't give up and make sure that our letters are correctly formed too.

Later in the term, we will be focusing on the traditional tale, 'The Giant Turnip'.

Year 1 Autumn 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. Please share your week of reading by writing in the Guided Reading Diary.

Maths

x3 sessions of up to 5-10 minutes practising the current maths skills that your teacher has selected for the class on Education City. Log-in and password details will be given out by class teacher.

No internet? Drop into the ICT suite on a Monday after school with your child. someone will be there and will be happy to help.

OPTIONAL to enjoy over the Autumn 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: Draw an autumn picture. Use natural objects such as seeds and/or leaves to embellish it.

Research: How our bodies work. Can you name the different parts of the body?

Visit:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zjsbk7> to learn all about your body. There are lots of different films to explore the senses.

Go to: The River Exe to take an autumnal walk along the river bank.

Bring your home learning into class to *celebrate* whenever you would like to.

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



So far this term we have...

- Made new friends and learned about each other.
- Discovered our giant puzzle pieces!
- Reminded ourselves of Kelso's choices.
- Thought about our 'mindset'.
- Discussed the routines and expectations of Year 1.
- Created our own class puzzle for our class display.



Out and About

Autumn is here so why don't you go on an autumn ramble in the woods or perhaps in the Exeter University grounds where there are special wildlife walks. Collect as many natural objects as you can. These can help you with your counting!

http://www.exeter.ac.uk/media/universityofexeter/campuservices/grounds/docs/Biodiversity_Trail_Streatham_Campus_FINAL_June_2017.pdf

Autumn tree and leaf detective



www.wildlifewatch.org.uk Credits: Horse Chestnut to Gillian Day / Oak to Paul Hobson / Beech, Ash, Sweet Chestnut, Silver Birch, Sycamore, Hawthorn, Elder, Hazel to Sade McElroy

Did you know...?

Catherine Rayner also wrote 'Solomon Crocodile', 'Harris Finds his Feet' and 'Augustus and his Smile'.

The human body has seven senses, but most people think there are only five. Can you name them?

The world record for the biggest pumpkin is 1,810lbs.

Millions of trees grow from nuts that squirrels bury and forget to eat!



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