

Year 1 Learning Letter

This Term's Projects

Our new projects this summer term are 'Beautiful Britain' and 'Searching the Savanna'.

- We began the term by completing our passports and discovering all about the United Kingdom on 'UK Day'. The children loved investigating in each themed room, sampling traditional foods, music and costume.
- After half term we will be learning about the African savanna and the animals that might live in that part of our world. We will be looking at African habitats and how to categorize different types of animals, our visit to Paignton Zoo will inspire us!

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 have a go at practising at home.

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



English

In English, we will be continuing to strengthen our story writing and write short narratives. We will be reading a series of books, centring on Mr Grinling's lighthouse. The stories will help us to continue to work on our storytelling and writing skills.

As we progress through the term, we will continue to build on our English skills and will be looking at the use of prefixes and suffixes. As we prepare for year 2 we will be working hard on our tricky word spelling and being resourceful - using the iboxes in the classroom if we get stuck.

In handwriting, we will be continuing with complex joins such as 'nd' *nd*
'ld' *ld*

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

Nelson Mandela

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: a picture of a tree in your garden or park nearby.

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

Visit: www.paigntonzoo.org.uk

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?*



## So far this term we have...

- explored the countries of the United Kingdom and learnt about their traditions
- created inspirational art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy
- learnt about British trees and the meaning of the terms 'evergreen' and 'deciduous'
- become amazing mathematicians using the 'count-on' and 'count-back' methods



## Out and About

Why don't you try to complete our summer flower spotter sheet? You might recognise some of these from our school grounds. You can download this sheet and lots of other spotter sheets about insects, animals, birds and plants from <http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/spotting-sheets>

### SUMMER FLOWERS



## Did you know...?

The longest river found entirely in England is the River Thames. It flows through London and is 346 kilometres (215 miles in length).

Berry Head lighthouse in Devon is believed to be the shortest lighthouse in the UK at just 5 metres tall.

Every year many thousands of saplings grow in our woodlands because squirrels forget where they hid their nuts!

The weather in the Savanna is hot year-round. Fires are common during the dry season.

**What else do you know about our wonderful world?**

*inspire*

~

*discover*

~

*succeed*

