

Year 1 Newsletter

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Curriculum information

Our topic in Term 4 is
'Back to the Past'



Our Topic, which will link our learning together, is about going back to the past. We will explore things from the past and compare how things are different. We will focus on the Victorians and will look at how we know things are from the past or from the present.

In **English**, the children will continue to practise their phonic skills in daily phonics sessions. They will have a look at diaries and try to write some of their own. We will continue to focus on our full stops and capital letters and will begin to extend our sentences using descriptive language.

In **Maths**, the children will continue working on recognising, counting and ordering numbers up to 100. They will be using numbers up to 50 when adding and taking away. They will learn about counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and look at different measures to include length, height, weight and volume.

In **Science**, we will be learning about the changes between Winter and Spring and will continue to look at different animals - amphibians, reptiles and birds.

In **Computing**, we will continue to explore 'Paint' programmes on the laptops and iPads and learn how to save our work securely and how to retrieve it. We will learn how to use a safe search engine to help us research different things within our topic.

Reading

We will listen to children read as often as we can during the week. Books will be changed **every TUESDAY and THURSDAY** if they have read them more than once.

This is to help practise pace and fluency.



P.E is on Monday & Wednesday

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school (white T-shirt and red shorts).

Please could you also ensure earrings are removed on these days and hair is up for health and safety reasons.



Online Safety

Whether you're an online expert or you're not sure where to start, we've got 4 key tips help to you:

- Explore the online world together.
- Talk to your child about staying safe online.
- Manage the software and tools your family use.
- Agree rules about what's ok and what's not.

How can you help at home?

We will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, this term. Please spend some time with your child practising these verbally. Homework will be given to support this once we have taught it in class. Please help your children with their phonics and spellings.

Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom.

This should contain **water only**, no juice or squash please.

On the 14th March we have our trip to Kent Life to explore the Victorians. Remember, your child may come dressed up in a Victorian costume to help enjoy the day.