

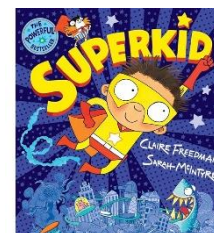
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and that your children are glad to be back at school. We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. Here is a newsletter to update you on what is coming up this term.



## Literacy

In Literacy we are reading a book called 'Superkid', which is about a boy who is always ready to save other children from all kinds of trouble. We are working towards presenting instructions on 'How to make a Superhero Potion'. During each lesson, we will be learning how to orally rehearse what we are going to write before we write it. This helps us with our accuracy and fluency in writing.



During our daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills at their own pace. We are focusing on using our sounds to segment and blend words using 'Fred Talk'.

To develop comprehension in reading, we use the *Talk Through Stories* programme. *Talk Through Stories* helps develop children's spoken vocabulary drawing on the best of children's literature. The QR code below will take you to a video that explains a bit more about the importance of Talk Through Stories.



## Mathematics

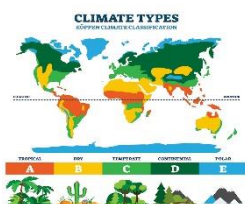
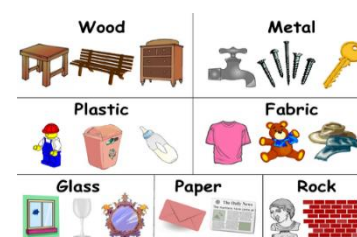


This half term we will look at positions and numbers to 20.

All the way through our maths learning we will be applying our learning to solving real life problems. Any time you can practise your child's counting with them, will help with their fluency and various areas of maths.

## Science

As scientists, we will continue to investigate what happens in Winter. We will also be starting a new topic on materials and be naming and identifying various materials. We will be using our oracy skills to compare and describe different materials too.



## Geography

As Geographers, we will be exploring different climates and weather around the world. We will be learning the names of the continents and oceans and see how the climate depends on how far or close to the equator they are.

## PSHE / JIGSAW

This half terms JIGSAW is focusing on our dreams and goals. The children will be looking at what our aspirations are, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.



## Computing



In Computing this half term, we will be continuing our topic on digital planning and will move on to programming.

## DT

In Design and Technology, we will be focusing on our joining skills and use a range of resources to join and make a boat.



## PE

Our PE day for both Year 1 classes is on Tuesday, so children will need to come to school in their PE kit on that day.



We also have our Bikeability sessions on Fridays. Year 1G sessions are Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> January and Year 1S sessions are Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February. Children will need to come to school in PE kit on these days too.

## Music

Mrs Lawrence will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons.



## Homework



In order to keep developing our reading skills and a love of reading, it is really important to read at home regularly. Research shows that 15 minutes reading per day can equate to reading one million words per year. To develop this love of reading, it is important to share stories together with your child.

We will be continuing to use the 'Lending Library'. This is a box filled with high quality picture books that you and your child can read and share together at home. The 'Lending Library Box' will be kept in your child's classroom. They can then change their books once they have read the book at home and written it in their yellow reading record.

Depending on your child's Read Write Inc group, some children will also take home the book they have practised in class. It is important that your child re-reads this book at home to develop confidence and fluency in their reading. Please make sure you record this in their reading record and keep the Read, Write, Inc. book in your child's bookbag everyday so we can change them when needed.

If your child is not taking a Read Write Inc book home, then we will ask that you practise phonics at home using ideas which will be sent home in their book bags such as green words with the sounds they have learnt.

## General Information

We hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning will be like in Year 1. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be by the Year 1 doors at the end of each school day, but you can also email us to arrange a time to meet.

Kind Regards,

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