

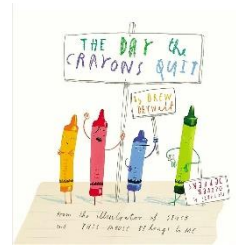
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a great Summer and are glad to be back at school. Please read the newsletter carefully for an update on what is coming up this term.



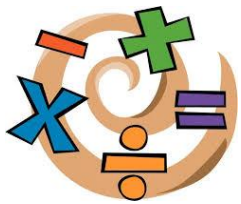
Literacy

In Literacy we are reading a book called 'The Day the Crayons Quit', where a boy called Duncan receives various letters from his crayons explaining that they have quit. We are working towards writing a letter to convince the crayons to return. During each lesson we will begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction and learn how to use spaces between word.



During our daily Read, Write, Ink sessions, we will be splitting into groups so that we are able to master and develop our reading skills at the correct pace. Children will be put in these groups in the next few weeks.

Mathematics



We will start off by looking at counting to 10 using concrete objects, comparing numbers and writing our numbers to 10. When we have mastered this, we will move on to addition and subtraction.

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 develop their fluency - which will help in lots of different areas of maths.

Science

As scientists, we will be naming our body parts, and identifying and naming common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds. We will have a trip to the zoo later this half term to apply what we have learnt.



Art



In Art this term we are looking at mark making and exploring various mixed media. We will be looking at artwork from artists Matt Falle and Paul Klee.

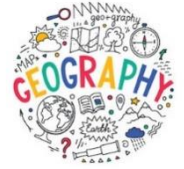
Design and Technology



In Design and Technology, we will be taking part in Caring Cook sessions and learning how to prepare healthy dishes. Some participation forms will be handed to you to complete. Please hand these into your child's class teacher by Wednesday 13th September so we can give the Caring Cook staff the forms.

Geography

As geographers, we will be thinking about what we like about Samares school. We will be using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school by creating and looking at features of maps.



PSHE

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is about 'Being Me in My World'. We will focus on how we can be safe in our school and what our rights and responsibilities are.

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.



Music

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

Computing

In computing we will focus on computing systems and networks.



Homework



For homework, we will be using a 'Lending Library'. This book will be a high-quality picture book that you can read together with your child at home. Please ensure that once you have read the story together, that you return it and collect a new story.

Once your child has been put in their Read, Write, Inc. group, they will take home the book they have previously practised in class. They will need to put this book back in their book bag every day, so it is ready to be changed when necessary.

In order to keep developing our reading skills and love of reading, it is important to read at home regularly. Research shows that 15 minutes reading per day can equate to reading one million words per year. Please record what your child has read in their reading records which will be taken home each day.

If your child wants to do any more learning at home, BBC bitesize, Topmarks (maths), and Phonics Play are great resources online.

General Information

We hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning in Year 1 will be like this half term. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be by the Year 1 door 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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