

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely half term and that your child is 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 half term.



## Literacy

In Literacy we are reading a book called 'Meerkat Mail', which is about Sunny the Meerkat who lives in the Kalahari Desert with his family. Under the hot sun, Sunny and his brothers and sisters work together, play together, eat together, and sleep together. Sunny needs a break, so he decides to take a trip to visit some relatives. The pupils will be working towards writing a postcard to Sunny's family about how Sunny is feeling. Their main objective is to use -s and -es plurals and to use the prefix un-.



**Read Write Inc. Phonics** During their daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills at their own pace. The children are making good progress. Please make sure your child continues to read their Read, Write, Inc. book at home and return them when necessary. We have changed the groups again so your child may receive a different colour book. Please also look at the resources we have sent which include online videos to support their reading.

To develop comprehension in reading, they are continuing to use the *Talk Through Stories* programme. *Talk Through Stories* helps develop children's spoken vocabulary drawing on the best of children's literature.

## Mathematics

This term the pupils will be learning about money, capacity, and mass.

All the way through their maths learning we will be applying our learning to solve real life problems. When possible, you could practise with your child their counting, number bonds, and addition and subtraction to help develop their fluency.



## Science



As scientists, the children will be continuing to identify, compare and name various wild and garden plants, and deciduous and evergreen trees.

## Computing

In computing this half term, the pupils are continuing to learn about digital writing. They will be becoming more familiar with a keyboard, learning different keys and how to make capital letters. They will also be learning how to change font and how to make text bold, italic or underlined.

## Art

In Art, last half term the pupils started practising different ways they can join. The pupils will be working towards creating a natural hanging demonstrating these skills. They will be joining and attaching lots of natural objects so feel free to bring in pinecones, shells, feathers, small sticks etc. if you can.



## History



This half term, the focus is about toys throughout History. We will be thinking about the similarities and differences about the toys we have today and how they have changed over time.

## PSHE / JIGSAW

This half term's JIGSAW is focusing on 'Changing Me'. The topic looks at how children change as they grow up and helps them to understand that growing up is natural and that everybody grows at different rates.



## PE



PE for Year 1G and Year 1S remains on Tuesdays.

Jersey Sport will continue to deliver these exciting and engaging lessons to your children.

## 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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