

Year 1

Spring Term



Normally our first topic this term is **Fairy Tales**. However, we have changed this due to Covid so our first half term kicked off with the catch up materials. We started with 'The Journey', an unusual story as it had no words but this encouraged the children to use their own words. We are also exploring 'Tuesday' in the same way. Farmer Duck was well received and the children produced some wonderful narratives in the first person. In the second half term we shall be looking at **Our Locality** and information books, exploring our local world and comparing our home to a European location, and creating our own map of Buntingford in the role play area.

Literacy

In literacy we shall be continuing to use the catch up materials to support the children. We will also continue developing the children's phonic knowledge, as well as extending their sight vocabulary (words that they know by sight). We will be writing sentences using CL, FSp and FS as well as exploring adjectives and conjunctions.

Numeracy

We will be continuing to work on addition and subtraction, numbers up to 20, and counting backwards and forwards up to 100, sequencing numbers and understanding place value. We will be learning mathematical concepts in a practical hands-on way. Remember you can continue to learn maths skills in a variety of ways, cooking and weighing, sharing amounts, number walks and playing board games.

Keep up that awesome home learning guys.
We are so proud of you!

R.E and PSHRE

This term we will look at Christianity as a world religion. We will explore **Gospel** and the Christian community. After half term we will look at **Salvation** in Christianity through rebirth and Easter. We will be setting ourselves goals and learning how to keep safe and healthy.



Geography, Science & Forest School

Year 1 Forest School will continue to be on a Wednesday morning once we return. Children must wear FS clothes and will need footwear suitable to the weather conditions. They will be looking at signs of spring and key features of **our local area**. The map work and learning around **physical and human features** that they have already done has given them a real head start.

Art & Design Technology

This half term we have looked at the work of **Frida Kahlo** the Mexican artist. I have absolutely loved seeing the children's self-portraits develop. Next half term we will continue to look at portraits through the art work of **Pablo Picasso**. There are design tasks in the Y1HLF for playground equipment (**Standing Structures**), Lego build challenges and I know many of you have made bird feeders for our RSPB Big Bird Watch. Next half term's DT challenge will be making a lift the flap interactive book with **Slides & Levers**.

History

After half term we will be exploring the **history of Buntingford**.

Music & PE

Please continue to check the links on the website for remote learning in these areas. Once we are all back in school, music will continue for all on a Monday and PE on Thursdays. We also do another active learning session in the week but the children do not need to be in PE kit for this.

General information

Once everyone returns to school, please send your child in with a named coat each day, as well as a named water bottle. The children do get hungry mid-morning so a healthy snack (fruit, vegetables, bread sticks, crackers and cheese...) for break time is always appreciated by them.

Website

Once we all return the Home Learning Folder will remain on the website with useful resources and videos that you can continue to use for home support or in case of self-isolation.

Thank you so much for your continued support and hard work,
Mrs Betley, Mrs Hadfield, Mrs Downs, Mrs Strachan and Mrs Lewis.