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## How can I help my child learn to read?

- Your child will currently be bringing home a library book for you to share with them as well as two reading books.
- One of them is from their daily reading lesson. They will have already practised this with their teachers. They should be able to read every word on sight without breaking it down into separate sounds. Try to make sure that they are reading this book fluently, with good expression. You can help them become really fluent readers by practising the speedy green and red words printed in this book. We are aiming for them to be able to read all of these words really fast without having to sound them out.
- Your child will also be bringing home a reading book that is new to them but at a level where they should be able to read it fairly easily. The first time they read it, they may need to sound out some words but if you read it together a couple of times it will help them to learn to read faster. When they can read the book fluently, try asking questions to make sure they have understood what they have read.

### Members of staff in Year 1 this year

#### Year 1JW

Mrs Widdowson  
Mrs Downing

#### Year 1PG

Ms Gibby  
Mrs Anna Pleskacz

## Year 1 Spring Learning

The first term has flown by for us all in Year 1 and we are already thinking about Spring! We hope that this leaflet will give you an idea of what we are helping your children to learn during the first part of 2019.

Every term spent in school is vital to your child's education as we are building strong foundations for all the learning that is to come. You can help and support this by talking to your child about what they have done in school and encouraging them to learn at home too!

### Help with Maths?

By the time they leave year 1, we would love for our class to be able to add and take away numbers up to 20. For example:  $4+2=6$ ,  $9+3=12$ ,  $10-6=4$ . The children are already getting quite good at doing this, using their fingers to help them count. Our aim is for them to quickly remember the answers without having to work them out every time.

If you can help your child learn some of these 'off by heart' you will be giving them a big advantage for when they have to do more complicated calculations later on in school.

***'Practise Makes Progress!'***

## English

During reading, year 1 children will be continuing to learn their sounds - blending them together to read words. Children will be writing stories, instructions, information texts and poems, as well as improving their sentences by adding more detail.

Take the opportunity to log on to the Purple Mash website to undertake activities to improve your child's literacy skills.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/Grove-wv2>

## ICT / Music / Spanish

Junior Jam are here again this term to give your children lots of expert help with learning more about computers. They will be using drums to find out about rhythm and continuing to practise speaking Spanish.

## PSHE / RE

In RE, pupils will learn about the four main religions within our local community. We will also find out about places that are special or holy to different people and why. Our PSHE theme includes exploring why we are all special.

## Foundation Curriculum

This term, all our learning in **Art, History, Geography and D&T** will be carried out through the topic 'Land Ahoy'.

We will be looking at a map of the world and learning the main oceans and seven continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, North America, Australia and Antarctica. We will be investigating some countries in more detail to find out what they are like. We want to discover some of the things that each country is famous for, such as well-known landmarks and particular food.

Although there is quite a lot of geography in this topic, we will be looking at using colours from hot and cold countries to create some art. Also, we will be creating animal art, exploring patterns and mark-making.

## Useful Websites:

- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/)
- [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)
- <http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>
- <http://emaths.co.uk>
- <http://www.twinkl.co.uk>
- <http://www.primaryresources.co.uk>

## Maths

Maths will involve more practical work on adding and subtracting using the cups in our Maths Makes Sense system. This will develop multiplication and division skills too.

We will also be learning about measuring length and mass, finding out about money and looking at time: months, days, hours and half hours.

## Science

In science we are learning all about a range of animals - from pets to wild animals. We will also be discovering more about how things around us change in the Spring.

## Don't Forget...

- Class opens at 8.45am and we start learning then.
- Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform and is here on time.
- PE is every Monday (1JW) & Wednesday (1PG). Every child needs their PE kit in school.
- 'Star of the Week' Assembly is on a Friday at 2.45pm.