



Welcome back Year 1!

We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for this exciting term ahead! We have had a great year so far! This newsletter is to let you know a few of the things we will be learning about in school over the next few weeks. It would be great if you could encourage your child's learning with some discussions at home - I'm sure they will be keen to share their learning with you especially as the topic this term is New London so any exploring would be fantastic!

Literacy

In Literacy this term, we will be looking at non-fiction texts, creating a leaflet for our favourite landmark in London. The focus will be on the formatting of a non-fiction text as well as persuasive writing. We will also be looking at familiar settings where children will explore London describing their surroundings in a narrative form. Our main book this half term is Mr Men in London. The children will have a chance to create their own book.

Themed Topic (Geography/History)

Following on from last term, children will be exploring New London through their Geography topic. Children will be exploring their local community using google maps and will be learning how to read maps and follow compass directions. Children will also learn about the key features of maps. At the end of term, children will have a chance to create their own detailed maps using their newly acquired skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development & PE

In PSHE this term, students will be learning all about e-safety and road safety. They will also be focusing on using their bodies for different movements and balancing in PE.

PE this half-term will be about playground games and gymnastics.

France Class: PE Kit on Monday/Friday

Italy Class: PE Kit and swimming kits Monday and PE kit Friday.

Mathematics

The focus in maths this term will be centred around addition and subtraction within numbers 0-50. We will start using vertical strategy (column method) to add 2 digit numbers together. After that, we will move onto our fractions unit looking at doubling and halving as well as fractions of shapes/quantities. Finally we will move onto our measurement unit. Practise measuring at home in terms of weight, length and height, would really help your children transfer this knowledge into class.

Expressive Arts and Design (Art, Design Technology, Drama, Music)

Drama sessions will continue this term and will support children's imaginations and writing for our Literacy learning. Children will explore the familiar setting of London as if they are tourists.

In art, children will be creating model homes using junk modelling materials. They will be exploring different materials for different purposes.

Science

In science this term we will continue with our unit "Our Living Earth." Children will be exploring exercise and leading healthy lifestyles. We will also be looking into cleanliness and hygiene and how we can keep ourselves clean.

Home Learning & Other Useful Information

Thank you for a great year so far, we have had lots of fun learning in year 1! It's great to see the children growing up and becoming so responsible and such independent learners. If you ever have any queries, please speak to us at the end of the day or via email.

Have lots of fun exploring London to aid children's learning whether it be to the local park or one of London's many attractions. Photos are always welcome and enjoyed.