

Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new school year in Year 1!

We are really looking forward to starting some exciting new topics and helping the children to settle in to a new year group.



Maths

We will be learning a range of skills in our Maths lessons over the course of the year. This term we will be focusing on: counting forwards and backwards to 20, finding one more and one less, and addition and subtraction.

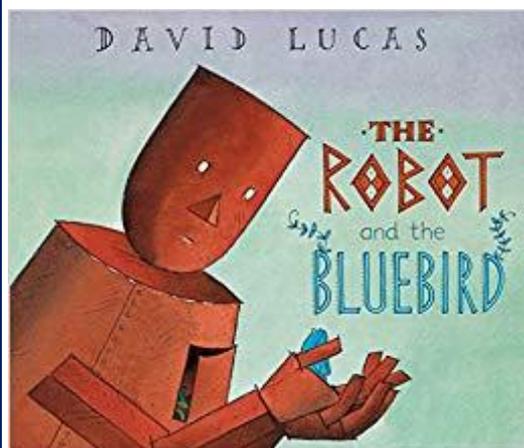
We will be giving the children lots of practical experiences in their Maths lessons. You can support with this at home by giving them lots of opportunities to count, add and subtract in real life contexts.

English

This term, our English work will be inspired by the book "The Robot and the Bluebird" by David Lucas. We will be writing our own version of this story of friendship. We will spend lots of time this term focusing on letter formation.

The children will be read with on a one to one basis every week and be provided with plenty of reading opportunities throughout the school week. It is really beneficial to hear your child read at home to help them develop their blending and segmenting skills.

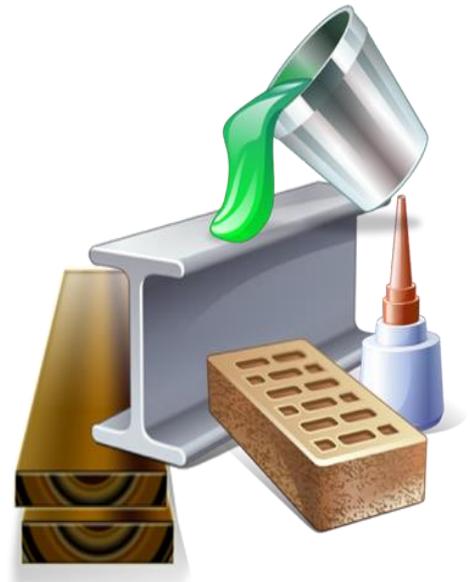
The children will also take part in daily phonics sessions where they will continue to learn their sounds. You can support with this at home by accessing the website www.phonicsplay.co.uk. There are lots of free games and resources that support what we are learning in school.



Themes

Our whole school theme this term is 'Buried Treasure'. Within this we will be thinking about what we treasure and delving into our own lives and how we have changed. We will then be comparing our own lives to that of children in past decades.

In Science we will be learning all about materials to design a robot. This will include; comparing manmade and natural materials, identifying everyday materials and their properties.



Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday in our green homework books. Every week homework will include; an English skills task, a Maths skills task and weekly spellings to practise. Homework is to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Every half term children are given a creative task list. Children are expected to complete at least two of the creative task options by Monday 22nd October. We will celebrate our creative projects in class gallery.

P.E.

P.E will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Please remember to bring your child's P.E. kit to school on these days. A P.E. kit includes a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Please ensure that all your child's P.E clothes are clearly labelled with their full name. Children are not allowed to wear earrings or any other jewellery and must have their hair tied back.

If you would like any further information about this half term in Year One, please make an appointment to call in before or after school or use the planners as a means of communication.

Thank you for your support,
Miss Hughes, Mrs Constantine and Miss Renshaw