



# Year 1 Teaching and Learning Newsletter

**Messages:** A massive congratulations to both Class 3 and Class 4, for having a fantastic autumn term in school. You have been working incredibly hard both in school and at home and we are so proud of all you have achieved so far. Keep up the hard work in spring term.

## Peek at our Half Term...

### Maths

#### What we already know

- To partition numbers into tens and ones (Within 20)
- To compare different lengths and heights.
- To use a ruler to measure.
- To tell the time to o'clock
- To identify and use 2D and 3D shapes.
- Place value within 20

#### What we are going to learn

- To add and subtract numbers up to using a range of different methods.
- Multiplication focusing on 2's and 10's.
- Measurement – Weighing different objects using standard and non-standard units.
- Place Value within 50.

#### Activities you can do at home

Complete your Purple Mash homework weekly.

Practice writing your numbers up to 30 and check that you are forming each letter correctly.

Practice basic addition and subtraction questions at home including number bonds to 10.

Practice 2's, 5's and 10 times tables.

### Reading

#### What we already know

- How to make simple inferences from a text.
- Reading individual phonemes (sounds) and blending them back together.
- How to answer questions and describe characters in a story.
- How to sequence a story I have read.
- How to identify real and fake words.

#### What we are going to learn

- Continue with phase 3, 4 and 5 sounds and apply these when reading our books.
- Continue practicing our blending skills.
- How to read and perform simple poetry.
- How to use expression when reading a story.

#### Activities you can do at home

- Complete any Myon / Oxford owl homework set.
- Use the Oxford owl website to access a range of e-books.
- Regularly re-cap phonics phase 3 and phase 4 sounds.
- Complete your phonics home learning set on purple mash weekly.
- Use phonics bug for remote learning.

### Writing



## What we already know

- To use a range of adjectives to describe.
- To use bossy (Imperative verbs) (Chop, cut, pour, mix)
- To use time connectives when sequencing or re-telling a story (First, Next, Then, After that)
- To use the conjunctions 'and', 'because.'

## What we are going to learn

- To use the plural 'ing'.
- To use prepositional language
- Prefix 'Un'
- Alphabetical order.
- Features of poetry.

## Activities you can do at home

\*Complete your writing homework weekly

Practice sentence building/ writing with your children daily using a simple word of your choice to start:

e.g start with the word 'Man'.

Put this in a sentence and use an **adjective**.  
'The **tall** man.'

Now can you add a **verb** (What is he doing?)  
'The **tall** man is **running**.'

## Science

### What we already know (Last half term – Seasons)

- To observe and comment on seasonal changes.
- To name the seasons
- To suggest the type of weather in each season.
- To observe how day length varies

### What we are going to learn - Animals

- To name a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles birds and mammals.
- To classify and name animals by what they eat (carnivore, herbivore and omnivore).
- To sort animals into categories (including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals).
- To describe and compare a variety of animals
- To notice animals, and humans, have babies which grow into adults

### Activities you can do at home

- Have a look on BBC bite size at the different animal groups.
- Brain storm with your families – What animals do you know?  
Create an animal fact file poster looking at the different features of that animal.

## Topic

### What we already know (Last half term – Florence Nightingale)

- To order the events in Florence Nightingales life.
- To understand the passing of time.
- To begin to use dates.
- To use words and phrases like: old, new and a long time.

### What we are going to learn – Africa

- To ask simple geographical questions.
- To name, describe and compare places I know.
- To name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
- To explain some of the main things in hot and cold places.

### Activities you can do at home

- Use the following website to find out a little bit more about Africa:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j/articles/znxp92p>
- Complete some research at home and find out key facts about Africa and what the culture is like.

## Computing



<p><b><u>What we already know</u></b></p> <p>Key Skills – Using mouse, keyboard, logging on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To create digital content using publisher and word.</li><li>• To save my learning.</li><li>• To find my saved learning. To use a web site.</li></ul>	<p><b><u>What we are going to learn</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To learn the basics of a beebot /roamer.</li><li>• To move the roamer forwards and backwards.</li><li>• To make a half turn and quarter turn</li><li>• To write a simple program.</li><li>• To program</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Activities you can do at home</u></b></p> <p>*Complete your purple mash home learning activities looking at using positional language and instructing a simple animation to move 'left, right, forward' etc.</p>
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## Handwriting

<p><b><u>What we already know</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introducing the basic principles of handwriting.</li><li>• Practicing letter formation using a range of different exercise</li></ul>	<p><b><u>What we are going to learn</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue with basic handwriting non-negotiables.</li><li>• Using RWI letter stories to remember letter formation.</li><li>• Writing neatly on the line in Literacy and handwriting books.</li><li>• Correct formation of capital letters.</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Activities you can do at home</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practice your handwriting regularly.</li><li>• Practice your letter formation.</li><li>• Practice your pencil grip at home.</li></ul>
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### Reminders:

Our Games is on a Thursday, so please can your child come into school wearing their PE kit. All of our home learning will be set on a Wednesday. This will be put on our class page on the website so you are aware of when it needs to be handed in. Please read with your children at home as well as go on Phonics bug and Oxford Owl.

We are looking forward to this term. Remember, if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please ring the office to book an appointment. *Miss Hobson and Mrs Kausar*