

## English



In English this half-term, the children will be learning to write postcards based on the adventures of Sunny the Meerkat from the book Meerkat Mail. Sunny comes to visit our school and has some new adventures exploring!

We will then begin our author study of Julia Donaldson. We will be finding out about her and writing a simple biography. We will then be using the story of the Gruffalo to write a setting and a character description.

In both of these genres we will be focusing on appropriate punctuation, spellings and ambitious word choices.

**Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English:** Please encourage your child to practice writing simple sentences; forming letters correctly and using the correct punctuation and finger spaces. Punctuation for Year 1 is a full stop, a question mark and an exclamation mark. Please also encourage your child to re-read what they have written to check it makes sense.

## Science



This term we will be learning about plants. We will be learning about the features and functions of a variety of common flowering plants including trees.

We will also learn how to identify and name a variety of common wild plants including deciduous and evergreen trees in our local environment.

This topic links well with our food technology topic where we will be designing and creating salads.

**PE:** 1T and 1J Tuesday and Thursday

**Water Bottles:** Please ensure that your child brings in a water bottle to help them stay hydrated. If this is a shop bought bottle, please ensure that this is clearly labelled with your child's name.

**Merits:** All merits will be awarded on a Tuesday for behaviour, reading, spelling test and the maths homework check.

## Year 1 Learning Overview Summer 1



### Trips and Experiences

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Scooter Training**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**TBC for each class**

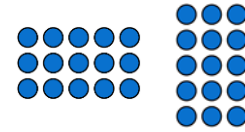
**Fairy Tale Castle Day**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Barleylands**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

## Maths



In Maths this half-term, the children will be learning how to measure length and height using standard (centimetres) and non-standard (cubes) units of measure. We will then move on to counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and start learning about multiplication by adding equal groups. We then move on to division and will be sharing amounts equally. The children will have lots of practical resources and will use arrays to support their understanding.

These arrays show 3 groups of 5. We will be learning about rows and columns to help the children understand this concept.

**Suggestions of ways you can support your child's maths:** Please use lots of practical resources and real life examples of maths at home to cement your child's understanding. By the end of Year One the children need to be able to count to 100 and back and to write these numbers as digits. They need to be able to write in words numbers 1-20.

## Topic



Our history and geography topic for this half term is called All Around the World. We will be 'visiting' all the continents and focussing on particular countries within them. We will be looking at features of countries and we will be using maps and globes to help us locate them.

We will be learning about explorers who discovered these countries – Christopher Columbus and James Cook. We will also learn about the astronaut Neil Armstrong and why he is significant to the exploration of space.



Spellings for this half-term will be in your child's learning record book.