

Supporting Your Child in Year 1



Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Summer holidays. I hope you have had a very enjoyable break, and the children are ready and raring to get back to school! I'm sure everyone has had a relaxing break with lots of memories.

Below outlines some of the areas that we will be covering over the Autumn Term, and ideas of how you might support your child's learning at home.



English

This term we will first be focusing on writing to entertain and traditional tales using our whole school approach of Talk for writing. We will practise our spelling and grammar to help with our writing. Below are some websites that will help you support your children with their learning.

Traditional Tales

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=traditional%20tales>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISrkkNTijw8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvYhFhbh3xU>

Spelling and grammar

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv>

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Reading

The children need to understand what they are reading and be able to empathise with characters within the story.

Please remember to log on to the reading app and record any reading done at home as the children work towards extra playtime every week if they score the highest as a class.

Here are some questions to help you when you are reading together.

What do you think this book is going to be about?

Who is the main character?

How do you think he or she felt when happened?

What is going to happen next?

Below are just some of the Year 1 suggested books.

The Cat in the Hat	Dr Seuss
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr
Hairy Maclary	Lynley Dodd
The Large Family Collection	Jill Murphy
Charlie and Lola	Lauren Child
The Smartest Giant in Town	Julia Donaldson

Author of the half term

The first half term we will be looking at books by Julia Donaldson. Take a look at the website below to find out about her.

<https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>

The second half of term we will look at the author Becky Davies.

<https://littletiger.co.uk/author-illustrator/becky-davies#:~:text=Becky%20is%20a%20children's%20book,sun%20sets%20beyond%20the%20horizon.>

Maths

These are the areas we will be focussing on this term place value to 10, addition and subtraction within 10 and shape.

Below are some websites you can use to help support with your children's learning.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=year%201%20maths>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

<https://whizz.com/year-1-maths-games/>

Geography

The first half term will be a Geography based topic- What's it like here? I am sure the children will enjoy the wide range of learning that encompasses this topic, we will look at maps of the classroom, the school, the surrounding area and the local area.

Below are some websites for you to explore.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=12&AgeGroup=2>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/schools/curriculum/geography>

History

The second half term will be a History based topic – Christmas through the years. We will get the opportunity to visit Beaumanor Hall to experience a Victorian Christmas

Below are some websites for you to explore.

<https://www.capemay.com/blog/2000/12/victorian-christmas-parlor-games/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/dance-ks1-time-to-move-victorian-christmas-index/zyfj4xs>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/av/42313816>

Science

The first half term we will be looking at and discussing the differences that happen in the seasons - **Our changing world – Sensing Seasons.**

The second half term we will be investigating plants - **Plant Detectives.** We will plant some seeds and find out what they need to grow successfully.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks1-ks2-wonders-of-nature-the-changing-seasons/zh4rkmn>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4Yi-CWB5Ik>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0119vk6>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7a0u5jMYviM>

Religious Education

This term we are focussing our learning on two new units:

Who is a Muslim and how do they live?

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

P.E.

Every day we will have some kind of physical activity so the children will need their PE kit to be here on Monday and they will bring this home on a Friday. They will need a Glenmere sports t-shirt and black shorts, **and an outdoor PE kit, including tracksuit bottoms, a Glenmere hoodie and spare socks. A change of footwear is needed (plimsolls for indoor sessions, trainers for outdoors, and these should not be the same shoes as their school shoes)**. This term we will be outdoors for some of the sessions, so it is VERY important that your child has the correct kit. Please also note that **for ALL PE activities, NO jewellery whatsoever must be worn, including earrings, watches and necklaces.**

Art and DT

In Art we will be looking at drawing and the different marks we can make using different mediums.

In D&T we will be looking at different fruit and vegetables. We will learn how to cut these and decide which ones we really like and why.

ICT

Children will be learning all about the technology around us, practising their typing skills and in the second half we will explore digital painting.

Personal Development including PSHE.

In our personal development we will be continuing to look at what makes a good friend and how we can make sure everyone feels safe and happy. We will discuss the British Values and how these are linked to everyday life highlighting the need to be respectful, kind and that everyone has their own opinion about things which is fine and makes our society as diverse as it is.

In our PSHE lessons we will be learning about family and health and wellbeing.

We will also continue to have our weekly primary news assemblies which highlights current issues for us to discuss.

Homework

Homework This term sees the start of our new learning platform 'Doodle Learning' It's really important that your child works independently, as the app learns your child's areas of strength and weaknesses so that it can calibrate to the right level for each user. Once the baseline assessment is complete, simply open the app and start answering questions. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

More able / Children who require more support

Within the Year 1 classroom and through Glenmere Primary School we provide provision for every child in order for them to reach their full potential. For our more able children they will be given extension activities which enable them to experience deeper understanding.

The National Association for Able Children in Education - www.NACE.co.uk

Children who are on the SEN register or the cause for concern list will also have provisions in place. We have resources to help SEN children develop and work closely to observe their progress.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

We look forward to watching the children enjoy their learning in year 1

Thank you for your support in advance.

Miss Hartley and Miss Murray.