

What Year 1 are learning	Hints for helping your child
<p><b><u>English</u></b> We will be reading and writing traditional stories and fairy tales.</p> <p>We will particularly focus on Little Red Hen, Hansel and Gretel and Rumpelstiltskin as well as reading some alternative versions. We will also move onto reading The Smartest Giant in Town and have some fun through role play.</p> <p>We will be continuing to work on writing in sentences. We will be working hard on our phonics and key words and using them in our writing.</p> <p>We also have spelling and grammar lessons where we learn about making suffixes and plurals, using capital letters and full stops and punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks.</p>	<p>Please try to read with your child every day. Encourage your child to talk about the book they have read. Please help your child to complete their homework on time. Read lots of fairy tales and nursery rhymes for bed time stories.</p>
<p><b><u>Maths</u></b></p> <p>We will be adding and subtracting within 20 by counting on and back. We will be learning number bonds and related facts.</p> <p>We will be working with numbers to 50. We will count to 50, say 1 more and 1 less. We will compare numbers to 50.</p> <p>We will count in 2's and 5's.</p> <p>We will do some measuring and explore length, mass and capacity.</p>	<p>Ensure your child completes their maths homework every week.</p> <p>Encourage practical maths – finding shapes around the house and outdoors, counting, telling the time, helping to pay at the shops, helping with cooking.</p> <p>Play Maths games online – e.g. <a href="http://www.ictgames.com">www.ictgames.com</a> and <a href="http://www.topmarks.com">www.topmarks.com</a> etc.</p>
<p><b><u>Science</u></b></p> <p>This term we are learning about Materials and Plants. We will be finding out what things are made of and exploring materials change. We will be identifying and describing various types of plants. We will be growing our own plants and learning how to look after them.</p>	<p>Try growing your own plants at home. Visit some parks and look out for all the different plants. Go on a material hunt!</p>
<p><b><u>Computing</u></b></p> <p>We will be making celebration cards.. We will be creating pictures on the computer/tablet and possibly make our own e-book. We will be coding.</p>	<p>Look out for different types of text around you. Try writing and drawing in different ways, on and off the computer.</p> <p>If you have a computer, please try to let your child practise using the</p>

	<p>computer.</p> <p>Use tablets and computers at home but not too much! Encourage your child to use the computer sensibly and talk about internet safety.</p>
<p><b><u>History</u></b></p> <p>We'll be learning about Homes in the Past. We will also be looking at things that we use in the home and how they have changed. We will be comparing the different rooms and houses from various times in the past.</p>	<p>Go for a walk around the local area. Which homes are new and which are old. What do we use around the house? You could visit The Geffrye Museum. You could also research about Charles Dickens.</p>
<p><b><u>Geography</u></b></p> <p>Our topic is <i>Around Our School and Local Area</i>. We will be looking at where we live and how we get to school. We will be designing our own maps showing our route to school.</p>	<p>Go for a walk around the local area. What do they like and what would they like to improve?</p>
<p><b><u>Art</u></b></p> <p>Our art is based around buildings. We will look at patterns around the school. We are going to use clay to make a tile.</p>	<p>Why not visit The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square? It is free. Look out for paintings of buildings. Make rubbings of patterns around your house.</p>
<p><b><u>DT</u></b></p> <p>We will be looking at various buildings and structures. We will be using different tools and equipment to design our own structure. We will also be designing and creating our own room in a shoebox.</p>	<p>Can you make a room? Collect a box and other junk for your room such as bits of old material make good carpets, egg boxes make good chairs. Watch programmes or log on to programs like Mister Maker, Smart and Art Attack.</p>
<p><b><u>RE</u></b></p> <p>We are learning about Sikhism. We are also learning about how children Show that they belong to Sikhism and we will listen to some about Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. We will then learn about Hinduism. We will learn about karma and Brahman.</p>	<p>Why not try to find a book in the library? Talk to your child about their faith. Encourage them to respect other faiths.</p>
<p><b><u>Music</u></b></p>	<p>Encourage them to listen</p>

<p>We will discriminate between longer and shorter sounds, and to use them to create interesting sequences of sound.</p>	<p>out for long and short sounds in different music and sounds around the home. encourage children to sing songs they have been learning at school.</p>
<p><b>PE</b> In Multi-skills, we will be improving our agility, balance and coordination through a range of activities. In Games, we will focus on throwing and catching. In Gymnastics, we will be combining different movements into a sequence</p>	<p>Encourage your child to be active! Go to the park! There are lots of ideas on <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/change4life">www.nhs.uk/change4life</a> Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit and all clothing is named. Please teach your child how to tie their shoelaces.</p>
<p><b>PSHE</b> We will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves clean and well. We will talk about feeling worried and keeping safe.</p>	<p>Keep a tooth brushing diary. Remember to clean twice a day. Read stories about feelings.</p>
<p><b>French</b> We are learning some classroom instructions. We are also learning how to say colours in French.</p>	<p>Ask your child to tell you what new words they have learnt in French. Ask your child to pretend to be the teacher at home!</p>
<p><b>Additional Useful Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homework goes out on Thursday and needs to be back in school for the following Wednesday. Children get some English and Maths. Sometimes, children may get topic homework instead. Please help your child but encourage them to have a go themselves. Children will bring home words for learning. Please practise these as much as possible.</li> <li>• Book bags are changed twice a week. Please hear your child read for 10 mins a day. Please write a comment in the yellow pact book. Book bags are changed on Monday and Thursday. Book bags should be in school every day.</li> <li>• PE days are Monday and Wednesday (W)/Thursday (Y). Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school on these days with all items named.</li> <li>• We visit Brandon Library monthly and always need adults to accompany us. We also love going on trips and we will always need parent helpers for these so please let us know if you can come.</li> </ul>	



# John Ruskin School Parents' Information Leaflet

## Year 1 Spring 2022

Theme – Shout about Southwark

*Celebrating 10 years of being an Ofsted Outstanding school  
across all Key Stages Nursery to Year 6  
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