

What Year 1 are learning	Hints for helping your child
<p>English</p> <p>We will start by reading and writing stories with familiar settings and having lots of superhero adventures. Our first story will be Traction Man by Mini Grey. We will also be reading the Supertato stories and making our own Supertatoes.</p> <p>We will then move on to using information books. We will write recounts about when we lost a toy. We will make our own books about toys.</p> <p>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, joining sentences with “and” and using spaces between words.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please try to read with your child every day and always have a bedtime story. Talk about the stories you read. Sing nursery rhymes together. • Join the library, • Please help your child to learn their spellings and practice their key words and ensure they complete their English homework. • Encourage children to look at text around them. Can they read words on the bus? Play I Spy with sounds? • Play English games online – e.g www.ictgames.com and www.topmarks.com etc.
<p>Maths</p> <p>We will be working with numbers to 10 and 20 and counting forwards and backwards, comparing numbers to say which is more and less and finding 1 more/less and 10 more/less.</p> <p>We will try adding and subtracting to 10 and start using number lines as well as cubes,</p> <p>We will practice our mental maths - doubling and halving and finding pairs to make 10.</p> <p>We will learn about 2d and 3d shapes. We will have fun sorting them and making patterns.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure your child completes their maths homework every week. • Encourage practical maths – finding shapes around the house and outside, counting, telling the time, helping to pay at the shops, helping with cooking. • Play Maths games online – e.g www.ictgames.com and www.topmarks.com etc
<p>Science</p> <p>This term we are learning about Humans and Animals.</p> <p>We will start by talking about our body parts and exploring our senses.</p> <p>We will learn about the different animals and the groups that they belong to. We talk about mammals, reptiles, birds, fish.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play games like Simon Says to practise naming body parts especially tricky ones like hip, wrist, ankle. • You could go on a senses hunt. What can you see, hear, taste, smell and touch? • Visit London Zoo or The Natural History Museum or The Horniman Museum to find out about animals.
<p>Computing</p> <p>We will use web search engines to collect pictures of different types of animals and then explore ways in which those pictures can be organised.</p> <p>The children will also program a toy to move around a map to find buried treasure. They will start by thinking of algorithms for their routes, then input these as stored programs for the robot. They predict how the robot will move and will debug their programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At home, children to practice using the search engine with you and sort and organise their own collections of pictures. • Talk about how things work at home. Can they find other devices that need to be programmed? Practise left and right. Why not download the BeeBot app to use together on a tablet at home.
<p>History</p> <p>We'll be learning about Toys and Games from the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get children to talk about toys they like to play

<p>past.</p> <p>We will sort old and new toys and try to make some toy timelines.</p> <p>We will make our own fantastic toy museum!</p>	<p>with. Talk with your child about toys that you played with when you were little. Talk to grandparents too!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit The Toy Museum.
<p>Geography</p> <p>We will be finding out about Planet Earth. We will use globes and maps and name different parts of the world.</p> <p>We will learn about hot and cold climates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about places you have visited. Find them on maps and globes. • Do you have postcards/photos from your travels you could send in? • Can you come and talk about the places you come from?
<p>Art</p> <p>We are exploring fabric art from around the world.</p> <p>We will try art techniques from around the globe.</p> <p>We try some Kente weaving and printing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why not visit The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square? It's free. • Look out for art from around the world. • Do you have interesting fabrics at home that you could send in for us to see?
<p>DT</p> <p>We will make a moving toys using levers.</p> <p>We will do some cooking from around the world.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at toys at home together. Which ones move? How do they move? • Do some cooking together at home.
<p>RE</p> <p>We are learning about belonging and talking about families.</p> <p>We will move on to learn about Christianity, We will learn about Jesus's birth and Christmas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why not draw your family tree? Look at family photos together. • Talk to your child about their faith. Encourage them to respect other faiths.
<p>Music</p> <p>We will be exploring how we can make sounds and talking about short and long using a range of different instruments. We will learn to copy and create rhythms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you make sound effects to go with a story at bedtime? • Perhaps you know some songs around the world that you could teach us? • Listen to all types of music.
<p>PE</p> <p>In games, we are working on target games and we will be throwing and aiming for a target and throwing and catching with a partner.</p> <p>In Multiskills, we will be working on our agility by moving in different ways whilst avoiding obstacles. We will also be improving our balance and coordination.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to be active! Go to the park! There are lots of ideas on www.nhs.uk/change4life • Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit and all clothing is named. Teach your child how to tie their shoelaces.
<p>PSHE</p> <p>We will be talking about feelings and friends.</p> <p>We are also talking about loss and change.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At home you talk with the children about how they are feeling. • Read stories about change. Talk to your children about managing their feelings and change.

<p>French We start off by learn how to greet someone in French and understand some class instructions. Then we move on to counting in 1-10 in French.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the children to practice their French at home. They can teach you. • Talk about the languages that you speak at home.
<p>Additional Useful Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting after half term, homework goes out on Thursday and needs to be back in school for the following Wednesday. Children get English and Maths and 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. • 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. • Books are changed on Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure your child brings their book bag every day. • Yellow Class PE days are Monday & Thursday, White Class PE days are Monday & Wednesday. Please ensure your child brings in their P.E kit to school on a Monday and they will bring it home on a Friday. • We hope to go on some trips this year for which we may need parent helpers. We will let you know if we need your support. 	



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Our World and Our Little Blue Planet/Toys

