

Home Learning

We ask that you spend time each week engaging in homework activities with your child, in order to help your child to progress within the National Curriculum.

This is in addition to the time you spend sharing books with them. We appreciate any support you are able to give and one of the most important things at this early stage is to encourage independence where possible.

Reminders

Reading book change: Monday and Thursday

P.E: Thursday and Friday

Homework: set Friday, due Wednesday

Snack money is £1 per week (20p per day).

Please ensure that **all items of clothing are clearly labelled** with your child's name.

We hope your child is settled into their new classroom and new routines. Please share any additional ideas you may have that could also help to inspire their thinking and creativity. Many thanks for your continued support.

HAPPY LEARNING!

St James CE Primary School



Year 1

What we are learning this term Autumn 2017



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Hello everybody! The children have all started school happily and have settled well into Year 1. We have an exciting Autumn Term planned which we hope you will be really involved with. Here is a little bit of what we are up to...



Letters and Sounds



We will be thinking about:

- Phase 4 sounds: The main purpose is to read CVCC words (e.g. tent, damp, bump) and tricky words (e.g. said, like, some), which the children should be able to recognise and read in their reading books. The children will then move on to applying their knowledge in their written work by using these words in sentences.
- Split digraphs: The main purpose is to aid the children in reading words such as cake, were the 'e' at the end of the word changes how the 'a' is pronounced. This rule can be applied to other CVCV words, e.g. safe, fate, take.

Mathematics



In Year 1 we will be learning about numbers within 20. We will be: investigating the place value of 2-digit numbers; counting forwards and backwards and from different starting numbers; identifying one more and one less than given numbers; and reading and writing numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words. Year 1 will also be working on addition and subtraction strategies for numbers within 20, focusing on the use of a number line. Our learning this term will also look at shape and patterns, including identifying common 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Topics

Superheroes - During this PE-based topic, the children's creative learning will be focused around: what makes a superhero and the children's favourite cartoon superheroes; the differences between superheroes and villains; real life superheroes, including historical figures and people they may know; and 'super me' to identify the things that make them super!

Splendid Skies - During this Geography-based topic, the children's creative learning will be focused around: the seasons and exploring the weather associated with each season; investigating the wind, including how it can cause some natural disasters; measuring and recording rainfall and developing an understanding of how the amount of rainfall differs around the world; and comparing and contrasting the UK weather with that of a warmer country.

Plants - The children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and find out about and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. The children will also investigate plants that humans can eat and discover the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees.

Seasonal Changes - The children will: observe changes across the four seasons; observe and describe weather associated with the seasons; and discover how day length varies.