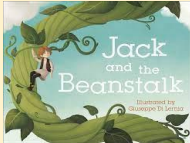



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We are so pleased to see the children following their Summer break and back enthusiastic to learn! If you have any questions, please come and speak to us.

	Autumn 1 in Year 1			
	Our topic is: Up the Beanstalk!			
English	Maths	Science	Art	Geography
Our main text this term will be Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be learning all about giants learning how to describe them to help the reader imagine what they look like. Our learning will lead up to the children writing a character description of a giant. Linking to Science, we will also be writing an information leaflet on plants to help people identify common plants, flowers and trees.	In Maths we have been consolidating previous Reception experience and now are counting within 100 in different ways, including practicing counting forwards and backwards from different places.	We are learning to identify and name common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. As part of our learning, the children will learn to and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. We will be working scientifically and observing closely to help us identify and classify plants. We will use our observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.	We are learning to draw flowers and plants by observing them closely and thinking about the lines, shapes and forms they can see.  We will also be exploring texture and pattern by using different Art techniques, e.g. leaf rubbing, with crayon, pastel, chalks and leaf printing with paint.	We are starting to learn about the different weather patterns and seasons / seasonal changes in the UK. This topic will last all year. <b>Autumn</b> – September October November <b>Winter</b> – December January February <b>Spring</b> – March April May <b>Summer</b> – June July August
PE	RE	Music	Computing	PSHE
We are lucky to be learning with Testlands in one PE session a week and are focussing on games in the other, linked to our topic ‘Up the Beanstalk’	We are learning about special places and church within the religion of Christianity.	We are excited to be using ‘Sing up’ to help us learn fun songs. This half term we are learning The Menu Song, Focussing on active listening & Movement to the beat.	We are focussing on Internet Safety and helping children learn how to use technology safely and respectfully.	We are learning about healthy Lifestyles and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle (hygiene, diet and how to manage feelings).

# How can I help my child at home?

## Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer. **Useful websites:**



Bug Club

ugClub - [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.natgeokids.com/uk](http://www.natgeokids.com/uk)

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

## Homework and PE.

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of topic. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it.

Homework books are to be handed in every **Monday**.



**Hedgehogs** have PE on **Monday** and **Friday**.

**Squirrels** have PE on **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Your child needs to bring their PE kit into school on these days (or leave it on their pegs in the cloakroom).

## Home Reading Books

We are very keen to send home actual reading books as soon as possible. However, this won't be until after the special **Key Stage 1 Home / School Reading Launch**.

While we are waiting, we will be continuing to set home school reading books online at [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk). Student logins will be provided in the front of Homework Books. We will also be sending home **Phonics Booklets** for children to practise reading and spelling CVC words and Tricky Words. Please try to complete at least a page a week.

## Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read **to** your child at home.

This can be either in your home language or in English. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of material including comics, poems and non-fiction to broaden their reading experiences. Please don't forget, whenever you read at home you should fill in a section of their Reading Record with brief details of what you have read. Children will bring their reading records home before half-term. They will get rewarded in class for reading at home.

