

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to welcome you back to Year One and continue with our fantastic learning. **School starts at 8:50a.m. and finishes at 3:00p.m.** Please don't hesitate to come and see a member of the Year One team if you have any worries or questions.

Science

In Science we will be learning all about Animals and how we classify them. We will learn how to group mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds and the reasons why. We will be going to the aquarium in Bournemouth so watch this space for letters.

Mathematics

In Maths we will be learning all about multiplication and division, and recapping our addition learning. We will learn to multiply and divide by two, five and ten. We will add two digit numbers to twenty.

Computing

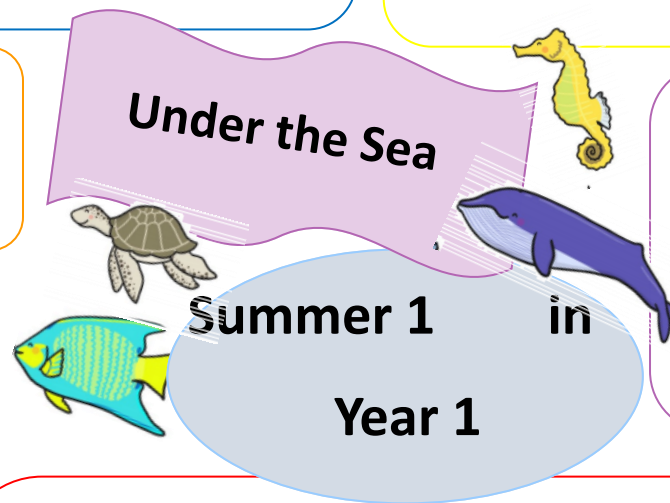
In Computing we will be learning about how to programme computers.

Art

In Art we will be investigating different materials to create under the sea collages with. We will also be creating crayon paintings.

Music

We will be learning all about layering simple rhythm patterns to create small group and class compositions. Children will be exploring simple ways to notate music, such as graphic scores, and will create their own symbols to represent their compositions.



PE and Dance

In PE this half term we will be focusing on Athletics. This includes, running, throwing and jumping. In Dance we will be making up motives about under the sea, exploring different movements and building stamina.

English

In English we are learning to write using our sounds, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be writing lots of pieces linked to under the sea including descriptions, comparisons and narratives.

For reading, we will be focusing on the skill of sounding out and blending words. We will also be answering simple questions about characters and events. You can help your child at home by reading everyday. It would also help if you could ask questions about characters from the story, for example, 'how did the character feel when...'. In preparation for the Phonics Screening Check which takes place later this year, we will be increasing our Phonics Activities in school and through homework.

How can I help my child at home?



Reading advice

Read, read, read!

Please make sure your child reads daily. Reading helps develop their vocabulary and imagination and helps improve their writing and concentration. If you have any non-fiction (information) books, please read these too!

The children will still have a home-reading book and a library book as usual. Don't forget to date your child's reading card each time they read. When they have read 10 times they will be put into a prize draw!

Talk about books:

Try to read to and with your child often. Discuss the illustrations, the characters, the language used by the writer, or whether you like the book and why. We are now doing a lot of predicting about stories with questions like 'what might happen next?' and 'how do you think the character is feeling?' to develop a deeper understanding of the story.

Websites

- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
Great for phonics practice
- http://espresso/espresso/primary_uk/home/index.html
Great for exploring basic skills and topics across the entire curriculum
- Sumdog– The children should have been sent their Sumdog logins home, we can send these out to you again if not. This is a great website full of exciting games to help embed out basic skills in maths.
- Bugclub– Remember you can find your child's login in the front of their homework book. This is a fantastic website where your child can read books with you and answer questions about the story.

Homework, home-reading, library books and PE kits

Homework is sent home every Monday to be returned the Friday of that week. Homework will be stuck into the children's homework book every week. If your child's book is not returned they will be given the homework on a piece of a paper.

Home-school reader books will be sent home every week and will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please make sure the children have read their book at least twice before it is changed.

Our Library day is Thursday, children will need to bring back their library book every Thursday to be changed.

Year One PE is on Monday, so the children's PE kits must be in school for this every week please.