

Year One Spring Curriculum letter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope that you had a lovely break and are excited for the new year! We will be doing lots of exciting learning in Year One.

In **English**, this term we will be continuing with our weekly writing units to improve our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.

We will continue with our daily **phonics** sessions focusing on the sounds that we find tricky and being able to sound out and blend 'alien' words (words that are made up). Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week with a written comment in their reading record. Remember homework is set on Spelling Shed for the children.

In **Maths** this term we will be covering a range of topics including addition and subtraction, numbers to 50 and then 100, including comparing and ordering numbers and looking at length, weight and capacity. Please remember to check Numbots for weekly home learning!



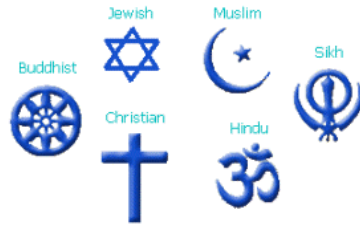
In **Science** we will be learning all about animals focusing on animal groups (fish, mammals, birds, reptiles etc) and nocturnal animals. The children will explore and investigate how animals have adapted to different places (I.E., hot and cold places). We will also be looking at seasonal changes.



In **Geography** the whole school will be learning about map skills! The children will learn all about aerial view maps, how to draw a simple map of different areas in the school, how maps show different levels of details and UK landmarks.

In **PE** this term we will focus on target sports. Our sessions remain on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a full kit in school at all times and earrings are removed.

In **Art**, the children will be learning about collage. We will learn about the artist Van Gogh focusing on The Starry Night and in **DT** we will be construing masks and character houses.



In **computing** we will be focusing on algorithms – sets of instructions that make the program do what we want it to do.

In **PSHE** we will be discussing our dreams and goals. In the myHappy programme the children will be completing the appreciate module. They will be learning how to develop an attitude of gratitude, how to be grateful for others, experiences and ourselves and how giving and receiving gratitude makes us feel. Log on to the parent app for more information about this module.

In **RE** we will learning about Christianity and the Easter Story.

Many thanks,

Ms Obeng and the Year One team.

Appreciate

We have just come to the end of the Appreciate module in the myHappyMind programme. The children have learnt so much through this module including:

- How to develop an Attitude and Gratitude.
- How to be grateful for others, experiences and ourselves.
- How giving and receiving gratitude makes us feel.

Why not ask your children to tell you what they have learnt. Here's some questions to help you:

- What have you been grateful for today and how did you show it?
- What are the 3 categories from the Wheel of Gratitude?
- How does it make you feel when you give and receive gratitude?

Support your child at home:

Log onto the parent app for more information about the Appreciate module and how you can support your child at home.

There are lots of activities you can do together at home including creating a thankful tree together, listening to the story and song, plus much more.

To access these materials just go to
and enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is _____.

Want to learn more? Check out our founder Laura Earnshaw's best selling book on

