

Year One

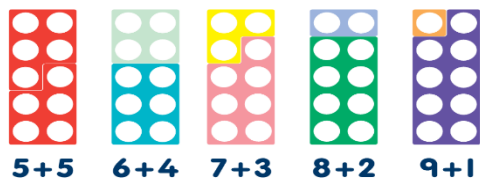
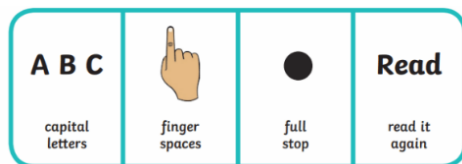
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

A very warm welcome to Year One! We hope you have all had a lovely break and are feeling excited about the year ahead. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children and working closely with you throughout the year to make their Year One journey a happy, positive and successful one.

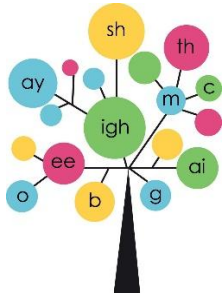
In Geography our **topic** for the first half term will be based around comparing our hometown of Harlow with the seaside town of Walton- On- The- Naze and comparing the different features. With the seaside as a focus, we are planning our own visit to **Walton-On-The-Naze** to find out first-hand about human and physical features and the seas surrounding the British Isles.

In our **English** work we will focus on writing our own simple stories with a beginning, middle and end. We will be focusing on using the word “and” to join words.

We will focus on punctuating our sentences with a capital letter and full stop, leaving finger spaces, the use of a capital “I” and a capital letter for proper nouns. These will be key features in our writing. The children will also be introduced to the terminology of noun and plural, learning when to add an “s” or an “es,” as well as the suffixes “ing” and “ed.”



In **Maths** we will be extending our counting to 50 forwards and backwards and we will be consolidating the language more and less, understanding that 1 more is the next number in the count and 1 less the number before. An essential focus this term will be learning our number bonds to 5 and 10, knowing off by heart that 4+1 is 5, 3+2 is 5, 2+3 is 5 etc ultimately without having to check.



Phonics will remain an important part of our daily routine with the children working in differentiated groups to increase their knowledge of sounds, aiming at fluency to blend sounds together when reading and to break words up into their sounds when spelling. We are using a new program- Little Wandle to support Phonics teaching.



In Year 1 we **read** every day, so children should please bring their book bag and reading record book to school every day.



PE for Year One will be on a Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please could you make sure that the children do not wear earrings on those days or that they can safely remove their own earrings. Please ensure the children have: a t-shirt, black shorts, white socks, plimsolls and a PE bag all fully labelled so that we can return lost kit!

After half term our topic learning focuses on **History** where we find out about the history of toys and how they have changed over the last 100 years.

In **Religious Education** we will be looking at Christianity with the first topic being The Creation Story and then after half term Christmas.

Our **Science** work this term is learning all about our five sense and how they help us, everyday materials and seasonal changes for autumn and winter. Our **Art** focus is Monet's seascapes using paint and adding texture to our work and **DT** is mechanisms – moving pictures!



Our **Computing** lessons this half term focus on our ability to login to the computers and using different programs safely and later in the term we will be learning how to program Beebot!



Homework will be set on a Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. In year one children are expected to spend one hour on home learning a week. This will include topic spellings (Spelling Shed) and Maths (number bonds to 10). It is also important that your child reads regularly at home, ideally 10 minutes a day, to be recorded in their reading record at least three times a week.

Finally, we are looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to a class adult at the end of the day or message us using ClassDojo.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Obeng and Miss Wicker.