



KS1 | Issue 2

**November 2021**

# Key Stage 1

## Dates for your diary

### Training Days

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022*

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a well-deserved half-term break. Here is an outline of what your child will be learning about this upcoming term.

## Topic

Year 1's History topic this term is 'My Family History'. They will be learning all about what life was like when our parents and grandparents were children. If you wish to share any of your own childhood memories or photographs to support your child's learning, please speak to the class teacher who will happily help.

In Year 2, we will be learning all about 'Bonfire Night and the Great Fire of London'. This topic focuses on significant people throughout this historic time and explores how Bonfire night has changed over the years. Please share any of your Bonfire night photos and videos on Google classroom.

## Maths

In Year 1, the children are going to continue to deepen their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. They will build upon their prior knowledge, learning number facts within 10 to support with mental Maths.

In Year 2, pupils will also focus on addition and subtraction. They will be working with 1 digit and 2 digit numbers, finding 10 more/less and learning strategies to support with mental Maths. Pupils will also continue to learn times tables this term, with a particular focus on 2's, 5's and 3's. Year 2 pupils can access Times Table Rock Stars games from home to further embed multiplication facts.

In all Maths lessons, we are going to be focusing on getting the children to talk about what they have done and to explain how they have found their answers.

## English

This half term in KS1, we will be studying poetry. We will be reading, performing and identifying the key features of poems as well as writing our own poetry. Later on in the term, we will be writing recounts based on historic events and on our own personal experiences. We focus on spelling rules, handwriting, sentence structure and encouraging adventurous vocabulary choices. In Year 2, we are developing the skill of self-checking and editing our writing.

## Reading

We recommend that pupils read at home with an adult 3 or more times a week. Pupils will partake in guided reading lessons whilst at school to develop their comprehension skills and understanding of a variety of texts. Reading at home is celebrated at the Music Federation with reading chart stamps and exciting prizes for pupils who consistently read at home! Reading is a fundamental life skill. It is the key that unlocks confidence in all areas of learning!



<https://trockstars.com/>



*Handed out on Friday – due the following Friday.*

*Weekly Spelling test every Friday. We encourage your child to practise these at home to build confidence.*

*Half-term learning grids are available on Google classroom for extra-curricular home learning.*





### Phonics Websites:

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>

## Enrichment

*After school clubs run this half-term*

**3:15 – 4pm**

## Phonics

Year 2 will be taking the Phonics Screening Check end of November this year, so please help your child with reading both real and nonsense words sent home. You can support your child by accessing phonics games online at home - links to these games can be found on Google Classroom. If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher in person or via Google classroom.

## Science

This half term, both Year 1 and 2 will be learning all about animals and humans.

Year 1 – Our Pets

Year 2 – Habitats

## Enrichment After School Clubs

We are pleased to announce that after school enrichment clubs will commence this half term. The purpose of enrichment is to provide extended learning prospects – it gives pupils the opportunity to understand concepts with greater depth, breadth and complexity, while also helping students to pursue their own areas of interest and strengths. Music Federation has a comprehensive menu of enrichment to engage and develop our pupils. The offer changes each half term. Please note that if your child has not yet enrolled in an enrichment club that there will be plenty more opportunities throughout the year.