



KS1 | Issue 3
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Key Stage 1

Dates for your diary

Training Days

Monday 7th February 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Wishing you a warm welcome back after the Christmas break! We hope you enjoyed a well-deserved rest and quality time with family and friends. Here is an outline of what your child will be learning about this upcoming term.

Home Learning

As we return to school, we continue to provide remote learning opportunities for pupils unable to attend school due to self-isolation. Through accessing Google Classroom, you will find a series of Maths and English lessons mirroring what is being taught in the classroom. Educational games and extra-curricular activities are easily accessible and this platform forms a clear line of communication with the class teacher. If you require any assistance with accessing Google classroom, please speak directly to the class teacher.

Topic

Year 1's Geography topic this term is 'People and their communities'. They will be exploring map reading to locate where they are in relation to other countries and seas. They will also learn about rainforests including the people who live in the remote parts of the Amazon basin. If you wish to share any of your travelling 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 'Journeys –Food'. This topic focuses on pupils developing an understanding of where our food comes from and understanding what 'farming' is and where it takes place in the UK. Pupils will explore using maps and aerial photos to identify key features of their local area.

Maths

In Year 1, the children are continuing to deepen their understanding of place value within 20. They will be learning to find one more/less than a given number as well as ordering and comparing groups on numbers.

In Year 2, pupils begin a new area of learning focusing on 'Money'. They will learn coin and note values as well as to learning to count in pounds and pence. Pupils will apply their prior knowledge of tens and ones to addition/subtraction of coin values. To further progress in Multiplication, Year 2 will continue to access Times Tables Rock Stars. Pupils can continue to learn times tables at home using this platform.

In all Maths lessons, children are developing their ability to talk about their mathematical method to explain how they have found their answers. This is done in a practical and purposeful way, relating learning to real-life contexts.



<https://classroom.google.com/>



<https://trockstars.com/>

Homework

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.



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. Thank you for your continued support with reading with your child at home.

Enrichment

After-school clubs run this half term from week commencing 10.1.22

3:15 – 4pm

English

This half term in KS1, we will be studying stories with a particular focus on ‘Traditional Tales’. We will be reading, retelling and identifying the key language features of traditional tales as well as writing our own stories. Later on in the term, we will begin writing information texts linked to Geography topics and personal experiences. We will focus on identifying and incorporating non-fiction features in our own writing such as headings, facts and a contents page. In Year 2, we are developing the skill of self-checking and editing our writing to ensure accuracy.

Phonics

Year 2 took the Phonics Screening Check last half term. We are pleased to announce our schools’ results below:

Windmill Primary - 64.9%

Low Road Primary - 69.5%



Thank you for your continued efforts to support your child with Phonics and reading. These are results to be proud of!

Science

This half term, both Year 1 and 2 will be learning all about everyday materials. Year 1 will be exploring different materials and sorting them into groups based on their properties. Year 2 will explore the useful properties of materials with a range of investigations involving absorbency and flexibility.

After School Enrichment Clubs

Due to the overwhelming interest and huge success last half term, after school enrichment clubs will resume this half term. If your child has expressed an interest in a particular club, they may be invited to join 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.