

Interesting topic things to do at home

Could you help your child to understand your own family tree?

Chat with grandparents about how times have changed. What did they like to do at school? How was the school day different to now? What toys did they play with?

Look at family photos through different generations and discuss how things have changed. Talk about their clothes, cars, black and white photographs, household items and anything else they spot.

How have toys changed since grandparents were little? The subject of Toys will continue in to next term.

HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

Home Learning is not compulsory; however we actively encourage you to provide as many opportunities as possible for out of school learning. We have a [Home Learning](#) section on our website where you will find a range of resources and links for home learning. If there is anything else, specific to your child, that we would like you to work on at home, we will contact you individually. We may also post useful resources on our Google Classroom – but we will advise how that works at that time.

Please could you read with your child as often as possible to supplement the many different ways in which we develop their reading in school. The children will all be assigned reading books that will be sent home as well as online access to Bug Club (more details to follow)

You could use the website [Teach Your Monster to Read](#) at home (free to join).

[Phonics Play](#) is also a great resource to support with phonics as well as Oxford owl which has lots of online reading material available.



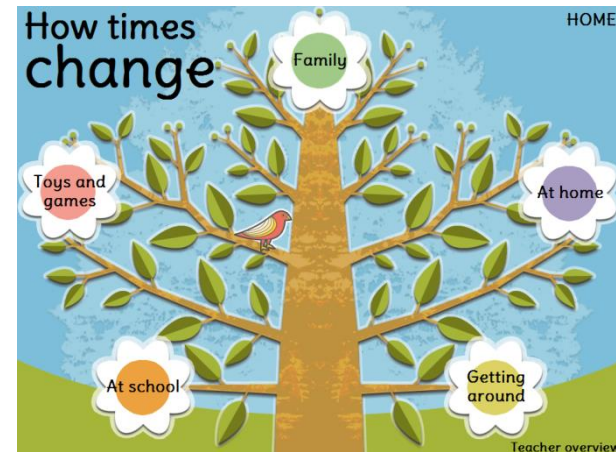
There are lots of resources on our Home Learning Page to help your child with their spelling and we would be grateful if you could work through the various spelling fish. They should be able to read the word before they can spell it.

Thanks for your support.



All Change!

Key Stage 1 Team – Year 1



TOPIC OVERVIEW

Welcome back!

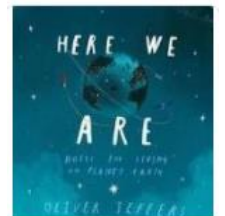
It has been so lovely to meet all our year 1 Sea Otters and Spider Crabs! We are so impressed with how they have come back to school so happily.

Our Whole School Topic this term is ALL CHANGE. In Year 1 we will be finding out about changes within living memory so looking at how life has changed since our grandparents were born.

We'll be looking at family trees, clothes, school, toys and games, amongst other things, to see how they have changed over time. The children should start to build up an understanding of chronology and associated vocabulary.

We are looking at the book Here we are by Oliver Jeffers – this is a fabulous book that explores what you need to know about our planet.

Best Wishes Year 1 Team.



THIS TERM, YEAR 1 CHILDREN WILL LEARN:	
English	We will be looking at the book Here we are by Oliver Jeffers. Children will be writing fact files about planet Earth.
Maths	Counting to 100. Becoming familiar with hundred squares and other representations.
Science	Everyday materials and their properties.
Art & Design	Self and Family portraits – looking at famous artists including Picasso. Design and make a picture frame for a class gallery. Chalk and charcoal.
History	Changes within living memory – My Family. Comparing different generations and finding similarities and differences between them. Introduce the idea of the past, present and future to the children and give examples. Explore timelines.
PE	Locomotion - Running Gymnastics – Wide, Narrow, Curled.
Music	How we make friends when we sing together.
Computing	We will be exploring Online safety and learning how to use Purple Mash.
RSHE	Respect for ourselves and each other. Understanding feelings.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

PE: Please could you ensure that children come to school dressed for PE on a Tuesday and a Friday.

PE kits should include:

A plain white top / house coloured top

Plain black or navy joggers / shorts

A school rugby top (winter) – these are a new addition to our PE uniform and are available from 'Make It Mine', our school uniform shop. Alternatively a black or navy jumper (no hoodies).

Sports trainers (can be same as those worn to school, if dark coloured)

Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

Equipment: All stationery is provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home should be brought in as this often causes problems if items get broken or lost and can act as a distraction for some children.

Snacks: The children are provided with a healthy snack daily although they are welcome to bring in a healthy snack from home. (Fruit/vegetables/cheese)

Mornings: At the start of the day please drop your child at the outside door to the classroom at 8.40am with their bags, coats and anything else they need for the day.

One of us will be available at the door to answer any questions or queries you may have. A teacher or a TA will be available in the cloakroom area to help the children find their pegs etc. Please note there is no need to change shoes. The children will be expected to put their coat, lunchbox, water bottle and book bag away independently, wash their hands and then make their way to the carpeted area, where there will be a morning activity for them to be getting on with.

End of the Day (3:20): At the end of the day we will allow the children out to you one at a time.

Key Dates for Autumn Term

- Forest School to start Thursday 22nd September 2022
- Meet the teacher Thurs 15th Sept
- w/c 17th Oct – Parent Teacher Meetings (more details to follow)

Parents in school ?

We would love it if any parent/carer or family member would be willing/ able to visit us in school to talk about what their childhood was like compared to now. We would also love to share baby photos of both the children and parents/carers as well as photos of grandparents/great grandparents.

Please email the office if you can help or have any photos to share. Thank you!