

Interesting topic things to do at home

Go for a walk around Cholsey and look at the key buildings and landmarks in the village. Draw your child's attention to the names of roads and their route to and from school.

Can they make a map/floorplan of your home?

In DT we will be making 3D models so any cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc that you are putting in the recycling please send in.

Thank you

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.

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. We will be assigning your child a book through Bug Club (which we will make sure you all have a login for) and physically sending a book home. The children are also assigned games on bug club to support their phonic knowledge. Please continue to read any suitable materials at home and contact us if you have difficulties sourcing things for them to read.

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:



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.



Lasting Landmarks

Key Stage 1 Team – Year 1



TOPIC OVERVIEW

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to the new term ahead.

Our Whole School Topic this term is **Lasting Landmarks**. In Year 1 we will be learning about maps and looking at local landmarks in Cholsey as well as the rest of the UK.

We will also be learning about animals in Science and we will explore the difference between an amphibian and a mammal.

We will start by reading the book Iggy Peck, Architect and by the end of this half term we will be able to instruct you in how to build a bridge.



Best Wishes Year 1 Team.

THIS TERM, YEAR 2 CHILDREN WILL LEARN:

English	Writing instructions on how to build a bridge.
Maths	We will focus on 2D and 3D shapes as well as exploring numbers up to 10.
Science	We will be learning about animals and by the end of this term we will be able to identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
Art	We will be exploring sculpture, looking at a famous sculpture and experimenting in a variety of malleable media such as clay, papier mache and salt dough.
History	After Half Term, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London.
PE	On Mondays we will be developing our ability to do ball skills with our feet. And on Fridays we will be doing dance in the hall.
Music	Introducing Tempo and Dynamics - How does music make the world a better place?
RSHE	We will be learning about feeling safe/unsafe/uncomfortable and what to do in these situations. We will learn about the word pressure and how to cope with it and respecting ourselves and others.
DT	After Half Term, we will be making our very own Great Fire of London house.
Geography	We will be learning about maps and ariel views. We will focus on landmarks and physical and human features.
RE	RE will be after February half term and our focus will be: What do we get out of belonging to different groups and how do we show that we belong?



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

PE:

Please could you ensure that children come to school dressed for PE on a **Monday and a Friday for both classes.**

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)

Reading books:

Please ensure your child returns their reading book on a Wednesday and a Thursday as that is when they will be allocated a new one. We will not allocate a new book until the one they had is returned. We will also allocate books linked to their phonics stage electronically on bug club each Friday. If you are unsure how to logon please speak to a member of staff.

Mornings:

At the start of the day please drop your child at the outside door to the classroom between **8:40-8.50 am** with their bags, coats and anything else they need for the day. Children are welcome to enter the classroom as soon as the door is opened. The children will be expected to put their coat, lunchbox, water bottle away independently and head to their allocated table, 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 the Spring term:

- Mondays and Fridays – come dressed in PE kit
- Wednesdays (pm) Forest school.
- Friday 21st April, 14:15- Celebration of learning- parents are invited into school to see all the wonderful learning the children have been doing on ‘Lasting Landmarks.’