

Year 1 Autumn 1

Our topic is...



Magnificent

Me!

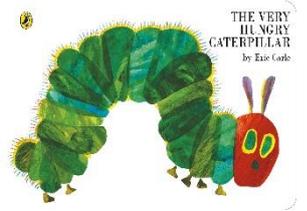
Supporting your child's learning at home

The most effective way of supporting your child's learning is by taking an interest in what they are doing. This leaflet should give you a starting point for talking about what learning your child is doing at school. There are ideas below to support their learning at home.

English

Our English this half term will shall be focusing on familiar stories. We shall be starting the half term by writing a recount of what we did during our Summer Holidays. We will then move on to writing labels, lists and signs. We shall discuss what we like about a story and will start to predict what may happen. The children will then see if they notice any repeating patterns in the stories. We will also be exploring poetry and look at how words rhyme.

We will be using drama activities to explore the emotions of the characters. Our focus will be on repetitive language, use of lists and the use of punctuation expected for Year 1 children.



At home you could:

- Continue reading with your child regularly and practising the phonic sounds in the Reading Diary.
- Expand your child's vocabulary by discussing more challenging and exciting words when reading to them.
- Speak to your child about what they are reading and encourage them to think about what might happen next or to consider why a character may be feeling as they are. This will help with their inference skills.
- Learning weekly spelling words.
- Practise handwriting when learning spelling words.

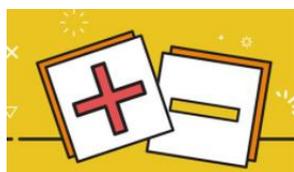
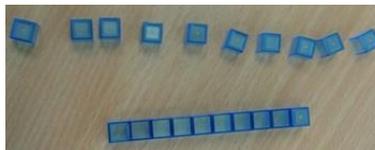
Mathematics

This half term we shall start to look closely at number and place value within ten. We will

then move on to looking addition and subtraction. We will begin by sorting objects from around the classroom into groups and will then use our counting skills to see how many we have altogether in the group.

We will then move on to place value to ten, we shall begin by using objects and then move on to using bead strings, counters and ten sticks and ones. We will then build up on this by using the concrete resources to help us add and subtract numbers within ten.

We will be looking at some problems involving reasoning and higher order thinking where the children will have to explain how or why in words.



At home, you could:

- Start to recognise and apply number bonds to 10.
- Help your child with their maths homework on Education City.

Science

During this half term, our theme for Science is around 'Our Senses'. We shall be naming and finding out what each sense is and why it is important. We will be looking at how our bodies have changed as we have grown up, which links, nicely into our Topic of 'Magnificent Me'.

Finally, to end the half term we shall be identifying animals into simple groups, including groups based on animal diets.



DT

In our DT sessions, we will be linking our learning to our Magnificent Me theme. The children will explore and investigate how toys work and will then design and create their own Pop-Up Toy. After we have created our own toy, we shall then use our reflective ladybird skills to evaluate our work.

Geography

During our Geography sessions, we will be finding special surprises around our school by reading a map and writing directions for our friends.

History

During our History sessions, we shall be looking closely at how toys have changed from the past. We shall be using our enquiring skills to answer questions like 'How are my toys different to the toys my parents/grandparents played with'. We shall then research old Victorian toys in small groups to answer these questions.



Music

During Music, to link to our topic of Magnificent Me our theme will be Musical Mysteries. We shall start by exploring a range of music and talk about how it makes us feel. We will then move on with a focus to encourage children to think about the extremes of loud/quiet, fast/slow and high/low. Throughout the half term, we shall be listening carefully to identify what musical instrument is being played to create 'special effects'.

P.E

Children will be taking part in Gymnastics with a focus of being Animals. Children will experiment different ways of moving around the room and when they are safely on apparatus. They will end the half term by applying these skills in a range of activities.

R.E

Our topic this half term we shall be looking into how Christians thank God at Harvest time.



Trailblazers

Outdoor learning specifically developing discovery, exploration and care of our environment will take place on Monday afternoons. This half term the children will be using the outside environment to plant, pond dip, and care for the garden.

Class dojo:



Please remember you can message **any** of the Year 1 teachers on Class dojo with queries or questions that you may have.

Pine Class - Mrs Plant

Ash Class - Mrs Ellis