

Year 1 Autumn 1

Our topic is...



Magnificent

Me!

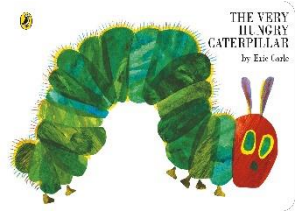
Supporting your child's learning at home

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.

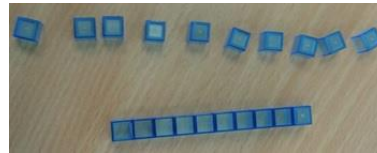
Mathematics

This half term we shall start by comparing objects by the height, weight and length.

Which leads into 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 shall then look closely at comparing numbers - looking at more, less, equal to.

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 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:

- Compare numbers up to 10.
- 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

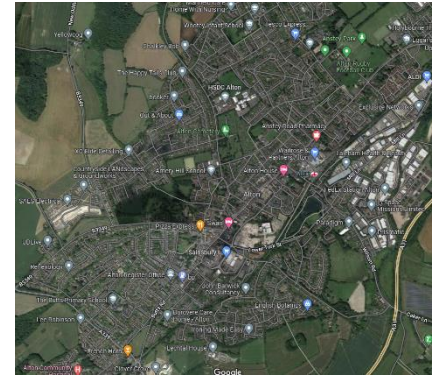
In our DT sessions, we will be linking our learning to our Magnificent Me theme. The children will explore and investigate how toys work and will then design and create their own Pop-Up Toy. After we have created our own toy, we shall then use our reflective ladybird skills to evaluate our work.



We will also be exploring, planning and creating our own food dips! Very exciting.

Geography

During our Geography sessions, we shall be developing our knowledge of the location of where we live in our local area and use our observation skills to look at aerial photographs and to understand what our classroom looks like. We will then be able to use our knowledge to locate our school on a map



which will then lead on to use draw our own map of our local area which will include the four points of a compass. This will then help us identify the route that we take from our homes to get to school.

Music

During Music, to link to our topic of Magnificent Me our theme will be 'Hey You' which is based by a musical programme called 'Charanga'. We shall be exploring the style of 'Old-School Hip-Hop'. We will learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Old-School Hip Hop tunes.



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.



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