



Key Stage One
Autumn 1

Topic: Where in the World? UK and Non-EU Countries

Welcome back everyone! We all hope you had a wonderful summer break and are now raring to go for the new school year. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead where we get to work with some new and familiar faces in our classes this year and we are sure everyone will enjoy seeing each other once again.

Our topic in KS1 for this half term is “Where in the world?”. This is a geography inspired topic which gives us an opportunity to explore the different countries that make up the UK as well as the capital cities. We will also be looking at other non-European countries and comparing them as part of our learning. In maths and English, the Year 1 and 2 children will access a range of age appropriate learning. Year 1 will begin by consolidating counting and basic maths skills whereas Year 2 children will be exploring numbers 10-100 and exploring some calculations within 20. In English, the children will be looking at narrative writing, descriptions and letter writing, all linked to some of our class texts. Our science topic for this half term is ‘Animals including Humans’ and in RE, we will be looking at ‘Creation’.

We are excited to be accessing areas of the curriculum with our home groups this year. In PE, we will begin looking at a range of games where we can attack, defend and shoot. In music, the children will be investigating what we can discuss when listening to music and in PSHE, the children will be looking at physical health and wellbeing.

All of the staff in the Key Stage One team are excited to begin our journey through Key Stage One this year and we are always here to help or answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to ask any of the team.

Thank you and we are looking forward to a hard working year!
Mr Marshall, Miss Uney and the Key Stage One team

Reading and Spellings

This year, your child will receive weekly spellings to learn. There will be information about sounds that have been learnt in school for the Year 1 children too as part of their spellings. These will be sent out every Friday starting 15/9/23 and will be tested in school through a short spelling test the following Friday.

Reading books will be sent home on a Friday upon completion in school as part of our guided reading sessions. There will be more information regarding reading records coming out shortly.

Autumn 1 Class Texts

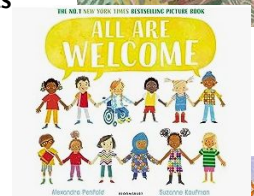
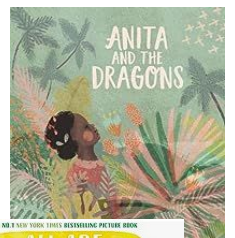
We will be exploring the following texts this half term:

The Visible Sounds by Yin Jianling and Yu Rong

All Are Welcome by Suzanne Kaufman

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema

Anita and the Dragons by Hannah Carmona



PE Kits and Forest Schools

Children in KS1 will be doing PE on a Monday with Mr Marshall and PE on a Friday with Mr Daddy. Please send children to school wearing their PE kit on both of those days.

There will be **no Forest Schools** for Year 1 and Year 2 children during this half term. This will switch over next half term.