

## English



In English this half-term, we are having an author study! Our chosen author is Julia Donaldson. We will be finding out about her and we will be exploring lots of her books. We will then produce our own writing outcomes.

For example:

The Smartest Giant in Town – Letters

The Gruffalo – Setting and Character Description

Tiddler – Information Page about our own sea creatures!

We will also learn some poems written by Julia Donaldson.

**Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English:** Please encourage your child to practice writing simple sentences; forming letters correctly and using the correct punctuation and finger spaces. Punctuation for Year 1 is a full stop, a question mark and an exclamation mark. Please also encourage your child to re-read what they have written to check it makes sense.

## Science



This term we will be learning more about materials. These lessons will be very practical and will include investigations about:

- Floating and sinking
- Waterproof / not waterproof materials
- Which materials are attracted to a magnet
- Comparing the properties of a range of materials

We will also finish our Seasonal Changes lessons by looking at the weather and the changes it brings as we move into the summer months.

**PE:** 1M Wednesday and Friday 1J Wednesday and Friday

**Water Bottles:** Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school. If this is a shop bought bottle, please ensure that this is clearly labelled with your child's name.

**Merits:** All merits will be awarded on a Friday for behaviour, reading and homework. Please encourage your child to bring in their reading records everyday so any other merits can be given.

**Homework:** Is on Google Classroom every week. Please encourage your child to complete this and their sound book so they can receive their merits.

## Year 1 Learning Overview Summer 2



### Trips and Experiences **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Barleylands**  
**Wed 19 June**  
**More information to follow**

## Maths



In Maths this half-term, the children will be learning about fractions. We will use the words halves and quarters when working with shapes and amounts.

We will then learn about place value using numbers to 100. We will be finding one more and one less than a given number, sequencing numbers and recognising tens and ones in numbers to 100.

Later in the term we will be learning about position and direction, time (o'clock and half past) and also money where we will be recognising notes and coins.

**Suggestions of ways you can support your child's Maths:** Please use lots of practical resources and real life examples of Maths at home to cement your child's understanding. By the end of Year One the children need to be able to count to 100 and back and to write these numbers as digits. They need to be able to write in words numbers 1-20.

## Topic



Our History and Geography topic for this half term continues to be All Around the World. We will be 'visiting' all of the continents and focussing on particular countries within them. We will be looking at features of countries and we will be using maps and globes to help us to locate them. We are having a focus study of the continent Australia where we will find out about daily life in different areas. We will look at the explorer James Cook who discovered this county.

We will also learn about the astronaut Neil Armstrong and why he is significant to the exploration of space.



Spellings for this half-term will be on Google Classroom, please encourage your child to practise these. There are some suggestions of fun ways to do this.