



This term the Year 1 topic is Our Local Area / Events within living memory
The topic offers many cross-curricular opportunities and will be closely linked to our History, Geography, Art/ DT and Science learning.

This term's topics

This term we will be focusing on 'Our Local Area'. We will explore how we travel in Ashford, my home / houses, homes elsewhere in the world and shops / local landmarks.

To coincide with this focus we will be learning about 'Events in living memory', concentrating on our families, and changes in school life, fashion, technology and toys.

Spring Term in Year 1

Welcome back to a new and exciting term in Year 1. I have really enjoyed getting to know the children over the past few weeks. This term the children will be studying many new and exciting topics, whilst also revisiting some of the key concepts they have already learnt in order to help them build on this further and broaden their knowledge and understanding.

I hope that the following information is useful in helping you support your child at home with their learning.

Home Learning

The children are expected to read at least four times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes. We encourage parents to ask questions to check their child's understanding and explain their thinking.

There will also be one to two pieces of curriculum based work. These should be completed by pupils within a 30 - 45 minute timeframe.

Work will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Please also use the websites listed to help your child consolidate their learning.

Useful Website



Topic

<http://www.everyschool.co.uk/history-key-stage-1-toys.html>

Maths

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Literacy

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>

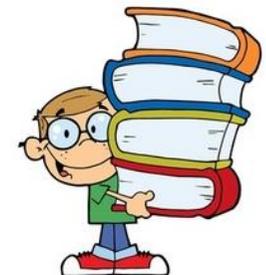
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=40>

Science

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1science.html>

Class visits, visitors and special events

We hope to visit / explore some landmarks in Ashford as part of our local area topic. We will also be organising for Chertsey Museum to come in and help us investigate the history of toys.



This term, as part of their core subjects of study...

Maths

This term the children will be covering:

- Number – one more and one less than 2-digit number, count in 10s from 10, count in tens from any number, estimate a quantity, addition and subtraction, number bonds, doubling and halving, money and money additions/ subtractions
- Measurement – estimate, measure and compare capacities, drawing pictograms and presenting data in block graphs
- Shape – recognising and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Fractions – begin to use the fraction, one half in practical contexts and begin to halve an even number of objects

There will be a strong emphasis on problem solving and reasoning. You can help your child by asking them to explain the methods they are using to solve problems in homework tasks.

English

Alongside our daily discrete phonics teaching and guided reading sessions, we will be covering in Literacy lessons:

- stories with repeating patterns and counting stories
- traditional tales
- writing instructions
- information texts
- poetry, including humorous poems and poems on our senses.

We will continue to focus on improving our handwriting, forming recognisable letter shapes and linking our letters together.

Science

This term we will be learning about everyday materials. We will explore commonly found materials and describe some of their properties, including whether they are natural or man-made. Children will carry out simple tests to answer questions like: What is the best material for an umbrella, curtains, bookshelf, gymnast's leotard, etc.? They will report on their findings and discuss how they could make their investigation better. We will look in more detail at paper, finding out where paper comes from and make some things from paper. Children will be exploring floating and sinking.

I am looking forward to the exciting term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Miss Norman ☺

As part of their wider, topic related studies...

History

We will explore changes in living memory such as what did our Parents/ Carers/ Grandparents do when they were little as well as explore changes in clothing, school life, technology, toys and books. We will be learning about Ashford and how it has changed in the last 100 years.

Computing

Year 1 will be having a big focus on E-safety, staying safe online and stranger danger. Linked with our topics we will use a variety of media to record our findings such as cameras and microphones/ voice recorders.

PE

In PE we will be working on our basic skills, concentrating on dynamic and static balances and co-ordination. We will focus on ball skills and ball games (with a big emphasis on working together).

PSHE

Going for Goals is our first focus, concentrating learning styles, setting realistic goals, planning to reach a goal, persistence and making choices. Later on in the term our focus will be 'Good to be me', exploring ourselves and feelings.

Music

We will be working on our singing voices this term as well as learn to play some instruments.

Geography

We will learn about how we travel in and around Ashford, my home/ houses, addresses compared with known landmarks, homes around the world and shops/ local landmarks. Later on in the term we will be learning about food origins and food miles.

Art

To link with our topic learning we will be drawing and painting local buildings and houses. We will also learn about the work of Lowry, focusing on wax resist painting/ rubbings.

Design and Technology

For cooking we will be focusing on Healthy Eating, where different fruit & vegetables come from and designing fruit salads. We will also be looking at food over the past 100 years and tasting some 1950's sandwiches.

RE

This term our focus is Christianity. We will be learning about who were Jesus' friends and why Jesus told parables and what we can learn from parables. Towards the end of the term we will learn about Easter, the Easter story and springtime links.