

Curriculum Topic Letter-Year 1 Spring 1

Below is outlined what your child will be learning in school each half term along with suggested activities for you to support their learning and do together at home

Curriculum Area	Learning at school:	Learning at home:
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophical statement • Asking relevant questions • Using question marks within writing • Understanding and using story language • Characteristics of a good story • Using speech bubbles appropriately • Instructional writing • Non-fiction texts • Drama and speaking and listening activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise previous spellings and new half term spellings using correct letter formation. • Continue to read every night with your child • Visit Education City – Year 1, English, Letters and Sounds • Simple sentence writing, remembering the importance of capital letters and full stops. • Explore non-fiction texts from the local library
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and subtraction, beginning to use a number line • Measuring using rulers and centimetres • Days of the week and months of the year • Odds and Evens • Number bonds to 10 • Interpreting data • Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's • Doubling and halving • Naming and knowing properties of 2D shapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play number games together. • Play some games on www.ictgames.co.uk • Use a ruler to measure items around the house and compare length • Odd or Even – Talk to your child about recognising numbers in the environment. Look at house numbers. Sort pairs of socks and get your child to help with the washing! • Practise reading, writing and recognising numbers 1-50
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather and symbols • Seasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at weather forecasts on the TV • Explore the animations on weather at www.bbc.co.uk/schools/whatisweather/aboutweather/flash_menu.shtml • Fill in your weather chart and return to school • Talk to your child about appropriate clothing for different weather • Talk to your child about how the days are getting longer and the trees are changing
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using multimodal programmes • E-Safety • iPad • Using programmable toys • Algorithms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to log in to education City independently on a regular basis • Practise typing simple sentences, using the SHIFT key for a capital letter, the space bar for a finger space and full stops • Discuss with your child the importance of staying safe whilst online https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5kW4pl_VQw&safe=active • Visit Education City Year 1 Computing, The Crane Games to give simple instructions .
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local area and further away • Understanding addresses • Features in the local area, including safety features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure your child knows their address and postcode • Explore the local area and discover what is within walking distance of your house • Discuss with your child local road safety features
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitch • Using tonal percussion instruments (e.g. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing familiar nursery rhymes and songs changing the pitch each time • Listen to 'Wuthering Heights' discussing the changes of pitch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YxLUBsB56k

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PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges • Explorer dance • Skipping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise skipping • Talk to your child about how being active helps to keep you warm on a cold day and keeps your heart healthy
Design and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making a snack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise cutting at home • Junk modelling
Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portraits and abstract portraits • Paul Klee • Picasso • Heart paintings (Jim Dine) Pop Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the National Portrait Gallery • Look online at different artists • Paint a self-portrait and of others in your family, noticing the position of facial features • Look at Paul Klee collage https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzkwPUR2onk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
Religious Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity and uniqueness • Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan • The Prodigal Son • Special Places • Why is Friday night special in a Jewish home? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about at home about what makes you special