

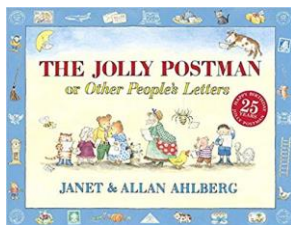
Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 Term 1 2019/20

Welcome to Year One! We hope you all had a great break and have come back full of energy for the new school year. We have all had a relaxing summer and are really excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for the coming year.

Key date: Parent Information Meetings **Thursday 26th September** at 3:10pm or 3:30pm
I look forward to seeing you there!

Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

We will focus on using finger spaces between

our words in sentences and using the Phase 3 and 4 sounds we know from phonics to spell words correctly in our writing. We will be introduced to simple punctuation such as capital letters and full stops. At the end of the unit we will be writing our own letters to send home to our families. Keep an eye on your letter boxes in the coming weeks!

In our morning reading sessions we will be learning to decode unknown words and answer 'what', 'where' and 'who' questions about what we have read.



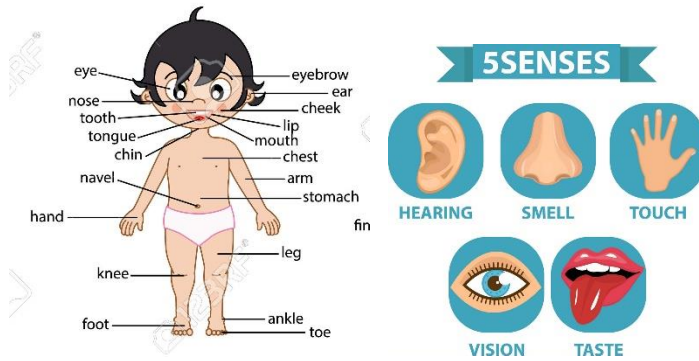
Mathematicians

We are starting this term by consolidating our maths knowledge of numbers 1-20, counting accurately to 20 and ensuring we

have a strong understanding of 1 more/1 less within 20. We will then move on to larger numbers up to 101. We will practise counting on and back from any number and will be partitioning into tens and ones (e.g. 56 is 5 tens and 6 ones). We will continue to practise our writing numbers correctly and then we will start to write numbers to 20 in words.

Scientists

In Science, the children will learn about the human body. We will be learning to name, identify, draw and label key body parts and think about the function of some of those parts. We will also be exploring our 5 senses and name the body parts associated with them. We will also think about ways in which we can keep our bodies healthy.



Geographers and Historians

This term we will learn about our local area and the city in which we live. We will be going on a local walk to look for key features and landmarks of our local area. We will use maps to explore our immediate environment and have a go at making some maps of our own! We will be thinking about the history of key landmarks in our city and looking back at old photos to see how our city has changed in the last 80 years.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching PE to our class. We will cover the key skills of Cricket throughout the term. The children will have PE every Tuesday so please make sure they have their PE kit on that day. PE kit needs to be a white t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings and a pair of trainers.

Please help us by writing your child's name in every item of clothing (uniform and PE kit) and encouraging them to dress themselves at home.



Your children will have ten spellings to learn every week and it is very important that they are supported to learn these. Please spend 10 minutes, 3 times per week practising with them at home.



Homework

Please listen to your child read at home 5 times per week. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age. Just 10-15 minutes per day makes a big difference! We will be checking yellow reading records weekly.

They will also be set Mathletics activities for them to access online at mathletics.com. I will explain this further at the Parent Information Meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Gray