



# Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 1

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Topic: Me, Myself and I!



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	In English, Year One pupils will be taught through the reading of a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, including: Cinderella, Colour Monster, and We Are Going on a Bear Hunt. In addition to this, pupils will revisit Phase 3 and 4 phonics – aiming to consolidate their recall of sounds and tricky words from the reception curriculum. Also, this term children will be introduced to alien words (non-sense words – in preparation for their national phonics test at the end of Year 1) and the blending and segmenting of two-syllable words.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week.</li> <li>• Read your child a book on night – develop a love of reading.</li> <li>• Practise your child's phonics knowledge using their sound book.</li> </ul>
Maths	In Maths, the class will begin to familiarise themselves with numbers up to 100, understanding place value and completing simple addition within 10. We will be beginning to count forwards and backwards from 100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Count anything and everything with your child; the number of steps, number of sweets, anything!</li> <li>• Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.</li> </ul>
Science	In Science, pupils will be investigating the range of animal groups that make up the Earth's Animal Kingdom. Pupils will need to identify a variety of common animals including, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. In addition to this, the class will be exploring the structure of a variety of common animals and their specific diet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have conversations with your child about animals you may see during your day to day life. It could be in the car, on the TV... anywhere!</li> </ul>
History	In History, Year One will be investigating the makeup of their own family. Children will explore the use of a family tree as method of organising who is related to who in a family and how connections within a family are made. In addition to this, children explore key artefacts within a family, including; birth certificates and marriage certificates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to your child about your own family tree.</li> <li>• Show you child pictures from; weddings, births and other special occasions.</li> </ul>
Art	In Art, pupils will design and create their own self-portraits and explore the work of our focus artist - Pablo Picasso. Pupils will explore the 'Cubism' style of art and will begin to create their own cubism work using a range of materials. Also, children will begin to evaluate their own work – identifying areas of strength and areas of development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at some of Picasso's famous work with your child.</li> <li>• Create your own work at home in the style of Picasso.</li> </ul>
Design Tech	In DT, Year One will begin to grow their own fruit and vegetable garden. Pupils will deepen their understanding of how to successfully grow their own products. The class will plan and create their own fruit salad before making this for a school picnic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying growing your own fruit and vegetables at home.</li> <li>• Make children aware of a healthy diet and what it consists of.</li> </ul>
PE	In PE, the area of focus will be 'Attack v Defence'. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons every week. The aim of these PE lessons will be to develop fundamental skills, such as: catching, throwing and jumping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise. It could be; a walk, a run or an outdoor game/activity.</li> </ul>

RE	<p>In RE, pupils will be looking at what a Christian is and what they believe in. The class will explore a range of Christian objects and begin to understand their importance. Pupils will plan for a class visit to the local church and explore different features of this specific place of worship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss your own religion at home with your child.</li> <li>• Show your child pictures of when they have been to a Church.</li> </ul>
Computer Science and IT	<p>In Computer Science and IT, children will begin to use logical reasoning to predict behaviour of simple programmes. Pupils will program Bee-bots to navigate from one point to another using a specific direction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Download the Bee-Bot app for your child to play with.</li> </ul>
Online Safety	<p>Children in Year One, will learn how they can access amazing places online. In addition to this, children will be made aware of the rules they need to follow to remain safe when using online devices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make your child aware of Online Safety rules in your own home. <a href="http://www.internetmatters.org">www.internetmatters.org</a> is a great site to help at home.</li> </ul>
Personal, Social and Health Education	<p>In PSHE, the children in Year One will focus on the topic 'My body, My health'. The class will discuss how to take care of their own bodies and lead an active, healthy lifestyle. In addition to this, children will learn how to call for emergency help and be made aware of when they would need to do this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss different emotions, make your child aware that we all feel emotions and that it is good to talk about them.</li> </ul>