



# 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	<p>In English, Year One children will be encouraged to learn and write through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including; The Colour Monster, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, and Cinderella. They will continue to secure the fundamentals of writing and begin to improve the quality of their work by including a range of adjectives and conjunctions.</p> <p>In Phonics, the children will consolidate their knowledge of Phase 3 sounds and tricky words, as well reading and writing words containing adjacent consonants.</p>	<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	<p>In Maths, the children will begin to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of numbers within 10. They will explore different ways of representing numbers and then begin to solve one-step addition and subtraction problems, using concrete manipulatives to support their learning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Download 'White Rose, One Minute Maths' on your tablet or iPad.</li> <li>• Practise counting forwards and backwards in 1's.</li> </ul>
Science	<p>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.</p>	<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	<p>In History, the children in Year One will be investigating the makeup of their own family. They will explore the use of a family tree as method of organising relatives. In addition this, they will learn how to handle historical artefacts with care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to your child about your own family tree.</li> </ul>
Art	<p>In Art, the children will learn how to draw and paint their own self-portrait. Significant artists, such as Pablo Picasso and Frida Kahlo, will inspire their work. They will develop a range of artistic skills, in order to create a phenomenal final piece of work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at some of Pablo Picasso's and Frida Kahlo's work with your child.</li> </ul>
Design Tech	<p>In DT, the children will plan and make their own fruit salad. The children will learn how to prepare fruit and vegetables safely, in order to create a delicious fruit salad.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying growing your own fruit and vegetables at home.</li> </ul>
PE	<p>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.</p>	<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	In RE, class will be learning about what a Christian is and what they believe in. The children will explore a range of Christian objects/artefacts 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.	<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	In Computing, the children will be exploring technology and how it can help. They will become more familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills, and also start to consider how to use technology responsibly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practise using a computer or laptop at home.</li> </ul>
Online Safety	The focus this half term will be privacy and security. The children will learn different examples of information that is personal to them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss online safety at home.</li> </ul>
Personal, Social and Health Education	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.	<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>
Virtues	Within school we have 6 virtues: fairness, kindness, bravery, respect, coolness and stickability which are all interwoven through our curriculum and, policies and every day practice. Our virtue for this half term is kindness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss what kindness means and how we can be kind to others inside, and out of school.</li> </ul>