



Year 1 Autumn Newsletter 2020

Welcome to Year One Mars Class - we have an exciting term planned!

We are very thrilled to teach Mars Class this year. The first couple of weeks back have been wonderful and it was great to see the children so happy in their new class. This year may feel like a big change for you and your child. We will be starting to get used to some of the new routines of Key Stage 1 but, just like in Reception, teaching and learning is still hands-on, active and fun. We love performance and creativity and this will be reflected in our learning.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to speak to one of us at the start of the day or at 3:30pm when you collect your child. Please be aware that these times can be very busy and considering the current situation, we are unable to get in to lengthy conversations. If you do need to discuss anything in more detail, please call the school office on **020 8520 6267** to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, you can email the school at school@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk

Key Information

- PE lessons are on a **Monday**. Please ensure children wear their PE kit at school on these days.
- Children should bring a book bag to school every day. They will be given a reading book to take home every **Friday**; children should be able to read this book independently to an adult. Please ensure this book is in their book bag the following Friday so it can be swapped. Alongside the reading book, children have access to Bug Club, where they can find interactive level appropriate books
- Homework will be sent home every Friday, please, try to return it by Wednesday.
- Please ensure that all jumpers, coats, school uniform, PE kits and outdoor wear are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.
- If someone different is due to pick up your children on a particular day, please inform the class teacher and/or the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fun filled term with Year One!

Miss Croitoriu, Mr Edwards and Miss Gúilly



Literacy



Children participate in a daily phonics program called 'Read Write Inc'. In these sessions children learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups, how to read words using sound blending (Fred talk) and read stories featuring words they have learned to sound out. Also, they learn how to write words and form sentences.

Children take part in weekly creative writing sessions. They will look at narrative writing (stories), non-fiction writing (information writing) and poetry. It is a good idea to remind your child, if writing at home, about using good punctuation, e.g. capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In addition, children participate in a whole class reading session every day. In these sessions, children read as a whole class and discuss questions based on the 'reciprocal reading' approach.

Books are changed once a week. We would appreciate it, when reading with your child, you write a comment in their yellow reading record. Please read the given book more than once so the children can familiarise themselves with new vocabulary/spellings and to become more confident in talking about the story/information.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag along with their yellow reading record book every day.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com>

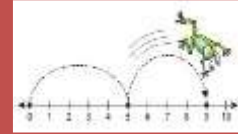
<http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

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

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



Mathematics



Children will continue to further their understanding of number, number facts and calculations involving the four number operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Also, children will be taught how to solve worded problems and explore shape and measure.

We will be using many mathematical resources such as: counters, ten frames, unifix cubes, dienes blocks and number beads. This is to ensure that children have a deep grasp of mathematical concepts through concrete experiences. This will support their understanding of more abstract ideas later on.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com>

<http://www.mymaths>

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

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1numeracy.html>

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

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

<http://www.topmark.co.uk>



Science

Science (Everyday Materials): *What are the best materials to build a house?*

In this unit of work, children will investigate how the shapes of objects can be changed through squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. They will find out the names of a variety of objects and distinguish this from the materials that they are made from. They will also compare and group together different materials on the basis of their properties. They will use what they have found out through their investigative work to reflect on the everyday uses of materials and consider which materials would be most appropriate to build a house.

Here are some ideas for websites to learn more:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/science/>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



Humanities

Geography: *Where do I live?*

In Geography, the children will be looking at the world they live in. They will learn about Walthamstow, London and then the world. They will develop their place knowledge by looking at London as a city and what it is like to live here. They will compare London to other cities and consider how they are the same or different. They will look at the U.K as a whole; the countries, capitals, cities and regions. They will look at the physical geography of the U.K and learn about the coastal regions and mountains. They will learn about the weather in the U.K and how this compares to other countries.

Here are some ideas for websites to learn more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zcdqxn>

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/geography/geography.htm>

https://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/



Computing

Year one will be starting computing lessons this year. We will be focusing on how to safely use the internet and how to use an iPad for our creative work. The class will also use Beebots to take their first steps into coding.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their computing skills:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk www.code.org www.scratch.mit.edu Useful (free) apps include – scratch Jr and Pic Edu



Art/Design & Technology

We will have Art and Design technology lessons every Friday afternoon. We will look at and be inspired by Elizabeth Blackadder's 'Still Lives' amongst other famous artists. We hope to make Freestanding Structures to link in with our Science unit and also create 3D toys.

Some useful websites for inspiring art are:

<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.disney.co.uk/disney-junior/art-attack/>



R.E.



Children will have the opportunity to consider what makes our world so great, focusing on plants and the sky. Children will then explore the different creation stories presented by Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam. This will give children an opportunity to compare religious aspects in contrast to their own personal beliefs. We teach the importance of listening and learning from each other and respecting each other's beliefs and cultures. The children will also explore places of worship and different religious celebrations throughout the year.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to learn more about this topic:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/>

<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/>



P.E.

Children in Year One have a PE lesson every week and this will be on a **Monday**. Please ensure your child **comes to school in their PE kit** and that it is suitable for them to be in all day and warm enough to be outside at break times. They will **be dismissed at the end of the day wearing their P.E kit**. This will enable the class to have more time for physical activities.

Sports covered over the course of the term are:

Autumn 1: Multi sports - Throwing and catching, Fundamental skills, movement & space. We will apply these in fun games and learn about team work and sportsmanship.

Autumn 2: Dance



Home Learning

Children will be given the following homework:

Subject	Content
Reading	<p>Please ensure that your child reads at home or is read to every single evening for approximately 15 or 20 minutes. We know that children who read for pleasure make the most progress not only in reading, but across the curriculum. Please write in the reading diary so we know how they are getting on.</p> <p>We encourage children to break down new words into their sounds and blend the sounds together. Please discuss what they have read. Some questions that you could ask are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What do you think might happen next and why?- How does (<i>select a character</i>) feel about what has just happened?- How do you know this? Why do you think this?
Maths	<p>Please ensure that children are learning to read the time; look and count coins; count in 2s, 5s, 10s, 25s, 50s and you are getting them to count and talk about maths in daily life.</p>
Home Learning projects	<p>Autumn term projects: 'Materials' and 'My World'. More information coming at a later date.</p>