

## Homework

For homework, children will have some work assigned weekly, as well as spellings, and daily reading. Children putting effort into their work are rewarded in class.

The children will be learning their number bonds to 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, please practise this with them at home. Knowing this helps them in all areas of their math's learning.

## Reading



It is most important that your child reads for 10-20 minutes every day. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly.

After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding and inference. To push them further, talk to them about why the writer has selected the words they

## Spring 1 Parent Workshops:

Please see website (Under Parents → Workshops) for more information on times.

*If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at home time or via the school office.*



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## In the Moment Planning



In Year 1, children continually have access to all resources all the time to enable them to be able to cover one aspect of, some or all of the Key Stage 1 curriculum at any one time. They are always challenged and there is no cap on learning. Learning is open ended and child led.

## The Year 1 Team:

**Calder Class: Alicia Taylor Adams  
and Lucy Kousoulou**  
**Kahlo Class: Ciaran McNamee, Cheryl Corbett  
and Abdul Khan**

## Important Dates

### PE:

Every Thursday. Please bring your P.E. kits in on this day. Kits will be sent home at the end of term.

### Library:

Year 1 will visit the school library each week. Children will be allowed to borrow one book. Please ensure that your child returns their book on the allotted day.

Calder Class: Wednesday

Kahlo Class: Friday

## Science

In Science this half term, Year 1 are learning about the Materials.

- We will identify, name and describe a variety of everyday materials.
- We will learn to sort materials based on their properties.
- Children will also develop their critical thinking by working scientifically. They will be encouraged to identify, group and classify as well as use secondary sources to investigate problems.

## Maths



In Maths, we are continuing with the Inspire Maths programme (for more information, Google "Inspire Maths OUP"). The programme focuses on a mastery approach where all children will develop a deep understanding of topics before moving on.

This term we will focus on number, addition and subtraction.

## Humanities

In History, we will be continue to learn about changes in living memory. We will learn how to sort artefacts from the past and talk, draw or write about aspects of the past.

In Geography we will be learning how to describe seasonal changes and continue talking about our local area.

## Art and Design

The children will have access to a wide range of resources with which to design and make products. They will be taught a wide range of techniques. Children will be encouraged to share and discuss their ideas. They will also be introduced to the work of a number of artists.

## English



**Phonics:** In Year 1 children will have daily phonics a sessions. We follow the Letters and Sounds programme using Read Write Inc resources.

**Writing:** Children will work on their writing during focus groups each week. In addition, adults spot opportunities for children to apply those skills during free-flow activities.

**Spelling and Grammar:** The children are focussing on full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

**Reading:** The children will read with an adult four mornings per week to develop their comprehension, speaking and listening skills.