

Year 1 Learning Letter

Hello and a warm welcome back to school! We are excited for the new school year and being with your wonderful children. We have so many lovely things planned to help your child reach their full potential and have them LOVING learning!

Mrs Cullen, Miss Staplehurst, Miss Richardson

Our Year 1 Twitter is @Year1Monksdown



English

This half term we will be looking at stories by the same author. The author we will be looking at is Oliver Jeffers, and will start with his beautiful book *Lost and Found*. The children will be labelling characters, sequencing the story and producing their own stories. They will also be learning how to write a report on penguins. The children will be learning how to start their sentences with a capital letter and end in a full stop. Children will also continue with their daily Phonics lessons and children will be taught how to apply their phonics into their writing when attempting to spell.

Important information for you

- If you are sending your child in with a water bottle – please make sure it is only water rather than juice.
- **Reading Books will be changed once a week after your child has completed 3 guided reading sessions with their teacher.**

- PE days for each class are

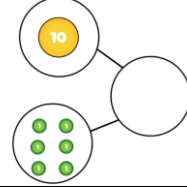
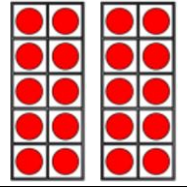
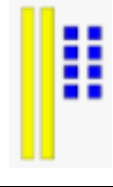

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Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday

- **Please read the homework grid on the other side for Y1 Homework**

Maths:

This half term we will be focusing on Place Value. We cannot stress how important this is for building the rest of the children's mathematical knowledge upon.

We focus on being able to read, write and order numbers 1-10 in different ways as well as being able to show and read numbers in different ways such as:

			
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We will be learning maths skills through practical activities as well as learning written methods to solving problems.

Wider Curriculum in Year 1

Science – we will be sorting and categorising a range of animals using the terms mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish and insects. We'll also be learning about how we can look after animals and what animals need to survive.

Geography – we will be exploring and investigating our school grounds, focussing on making maps of our playground and searching

Art – we will be drawing in the style of Aardman animations.

RE – we will be exploring who do Christians say created the world. We will also think about how a Christian celebrates harvest.

PSHE - We will be introducing our class charter, discussing similarities and differences with our classmates and finding out what it means to be me!

Computing - we will be learning about how to log on and off of a computer, the importance of a password, mouse skills and how to stay safe online.

Home Learning Challenges

This is work that should be done each week

Essential work

Read for 20 minutes each day or night at home. This could be on bug club or your books from school



Bug Club

Essential work



Can you go on an Autumn Walk and make a picture with what you collect?



Can you make a map of your journey to school?



Can you make a junk model of your favourite animal?



Can visit a local farm or zoo?
What animals did you see?



Sticky Learning
Can you find out about how a farmer prepares for Harvest?

Sticky Learning
Can you make a model, painting or a drawing of your favourite reptile, bird, fish or mammal?

STAR CHALLENGES

Can you make your own book retelling the story 'Lost and Found'
Can you include and question mark in your story?

Investigate your five senses. Can you guess the taste, smell, object and sound?
Can you record what you can see?

Can you find out all about Emperor Penguins?
What they eat, where they live and what do they look like?