# Year I Learning Letter

What a strange start to 2021 it has been. Who would have thought that we'd be seeing you every day via our laptops. We cannot begin to explain how proud your children have made us in Year I. They have adapted so well to the changes and showed so much resilience and determination. Also, a huge thank you to all of you grown-ups at home. We understand how difficult this must be for you all and you have shown so much care and dedication to your child by supporting them with their school work at home. Thank you! Please remember that if the children are still at home, their learning can be found on our remote learning page on the website. We miss you all!

Miss Spalvieri, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Cullen

# Important information for you

Please continue to look at the remote learning page for information on what lessons your child will be having while home learning. We will continue to update you on school openings as and when we are given final information from the Government

- (When back in school) **PE kits** kits must be brought to school and will stay in school until half term. YI will do PE on Monday.
- (When back in school) **Reading books** New books will be given out on a Monday and returned on a Friday. We will not be able to take returns any sooner as we need to 'quarantine' the books for 72 hours. Books can also be accessed online via Bug Club where there is a huge selection available.
- Please read the homework grid on the other side for additional learning opportunities

# English

This half term we will be reading the book 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' while learning key writing skills to write a story based on the structure of our class text..

The children will be learning how to:

- Join words and clauses using and
- Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark.
- Write simple sentences in sequence.
- Leave spaces between words.
- Include and describe the setting, characters and use some story language. Furthermore, we will be continuing to practise the children's retrieval and inference skills in reading while recapping Phase Three Phonics.

## <u>Maths</u>

This half term, we will be focusing on the following skills. We will be learning maths skills through practical activities as well as learning written methods to solving problems.

We will be focusing on these mathematical areas

- Addition and subtraction
- Place value of numbers 1-20
- Fractions

Please keep practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables with your children as well as their number bonds to 10.







### Wider Curriculum in Year I

**RE** -Our Key question is **What does it mean to belong to a faith community?** We will learn about how religious people show they belong to their faith community. We will learn about ways babies are welcomed into religions and the promises made at weddings. We will also think about our own network of belonging and how we all belong to someone.

**History** - We will be learning to recognise the distinction between past and present and will be placing a few events and objects in order. We will be looking at how we have changed over time and how our family has changed and grown throughout the years, looking at how life was different when our older family members were younger and compare them to our lives now.

Art - We will be learning to draw from observations and draw our own self-portraits. We will be studying the artist Modigliani and create self-portraits in his style.

**Geography** - We will learn to name, locate and identify the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) as well as their capital cities and its surrounding seas.

# Year I Home Challenges

#### Essential work

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



Bug Club

## Family Album

Can you look through lots of old photos of when you were younger and photos of when your grownups were younger? Look at the similarities and differences. Can you compare?

DOJO challenge - Can you plot the pictures on a timeline? Who was born first?



## Essential work

Practise counting objects to 20. Can you count to and from any given number to 50? You could also try the different math games on NumBots.



## Who, what, where?

Can you find out where different members of your family are from? Are they all from England? Can you find where they are from and plot it on a map?

DOJO challenge - Can you talk about where your family used to go on holiday? How is it different to where you go on holiday? Can you plot it on a map



#### Twitter

With a grown up ONLY. Send a tweet about something exciting you have done to @MissSpalvieri, @MrsC4mpbell and @Mrscullenyearl and we will share them with YI.

## Fantastic Food

Can you help your grown up at home to make a meal? Take pictures of the things you did and create a menu of all the things you've cooked.

DOJO challenge – can you write instructions of how to make the meal? There are lots of different ideas on our home learning pages from Apple of my Eye.

