

Week beginning

29/11/21

Year 1 Newsletter



STAR moments

A great beginning to the new term.

We want to see 100% attendance from all classes this week! We can do this!

Well done for everyone's amazing efforts with behaviour and attitudes towards learning. Keep it up!

Last week's Happy leaf winners:

1P: Tricey

1V: Sienna

1R: Erik

1B: Maci



Fantastic job Year 1.

Talk to your child about the type of things they need to do to receive a Happy leaf. Our theme is **Independence** this term!

This week...

Well done for all your hard work for the past few weeks Year 1! We have seen so much progress and are so pleased with how you working. As we are now approaching the Winter months it is important that we are wearing the appropriate clothing for the weather! This means it is time to pull out those Winter coats, hats and gloves.

In Maths, we will be learning about positional language and ordinal numbers.

In Science, we carry on learning about everyday materials. This week we will be what material is most suitable for an umbrella! What is waterproof or not?

In R.E., we will be thinking about how Christians celebrate Christmas. We will be thinking about how the story of Christmas began.

In History/Geography, we will be taking a closer look at Amelia Earhart's journey.

In D.T., we will continue to make our kites - which are looking fabulous!

Remember that this term our whole school focus will be on the word 'Independence'. Discuss this word at home with your child. What is independence? How can you be independent? Can you list the things that you already do that are independent? What things could you work on to show greater independence? What an exciting week we have ahead of us!



Don't forget...



- **Read everyday for 10 minutes.** We will be giving out reading books and reading journals. We expect all children to have read everyday with a comment written in their books.
- **Fit Friday will be carrying on as usual on Friday**, again children must come to school wearing Fit Friday t-shirts and trainers.
- **P.E. day is on Thursday.** Please wear black bottoms and a white t-shirt.
- Bug Club and Mathletics is still mandatory for 5 or 10 minutes daily, on a Friday each class will announce their Bug Club and Mathletics champions. Please encourage your child to read as it builds their confidence and vocabulary.

Over to you...Home learning

The teachers will continuously be providing online opportunities for reading, phonics and maths. We are checking who is logging on every week!

Pupils must:

- Log on and use **BUG CLUB** daily
(please also read and share any extra books you have at home)
- Log on and use **MATHLETICS** daily
- Play and complete any additional material/videos sent you via the google classroom. **Phonics session videos** will be sent regularly.
- Extra RWI phonics -
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-nc-phonics-guide/>

Mathletics



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EYFS

You could experiment and investigate:

- Crazy colourful bubbles
- Magic swirling sweets
- Leaf rubbings
- Wind chimes

Find out more with your grown up here:

<https://www.firstdiscoverers.co.uk/early-years-science-activities-eyfs/>

KS2

You could experiment and investigate:

- Making a parachute
- Floating eggs and buoyancy
- Blowing up a balloon with a chemical reaction
- Balloon powered hovercraft

Find out more with your grown up here:

<https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html>

Home Learning at Star



Make a mini movie using your Explain Everything or iMovie apps conducting a scientific investigation or experiment in your kitchen with a grown up. Upload your video to your folder on your pupil drive or Google classroom.



Challenge yourself to complete a write up or a set of instructions for others to have a go at your experiment!

KS1

You could experiment and investigate:

- Melting chocolate investigation
- Explore static electricity
- Rainbow in a glass
- Cool crystals

Find out more with your grown up here:

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>

Inspiration

Check out the teacher's 'Science in my Kitchen' experiments for some inspiration by following the link.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RoKhEkqgyJbrwh34W5NxxhKCsmYOBdHch>



Upload your super scientific experiments onto your **Google Classroom** or folder on the **Pupil Drive**. Competition closes on 10/12/21 and prizes will be announced at assembly on 13/12/2021.