

Year 1 Learning Letter

Year 1

Autumn Home Learning

ESSENTIAL each week:

We started the autumn term with our topic 'All about me'. We have been getting to know our new teachers, classrooms and classmates and have been learning what it is that makes us all so unique and special.

This half term our topic is 'What's it made of?' where we will be investigating different types of materials and their properties. We will also be learning all about space and have already had an exciting visit from the 'Space Odyssey' to get us started.

Later in the term we will be starting our practice for our Year 1 Nativity, 'The Wiggly Nativity'.

Reading

x3 sessions of up to 10-15 minutes reading the Guided Reading or other book to a grown-up.

Design and Technology

Can you create your own rocket at home using recyclable materials?

OPTIONAL to enjoy over the

Autumn Term to further support your child's learning and skills. How much time to spend of each task will depend on the activity. A good rule to go by is... enough time to enjoy but not too much time to make learning a chore.

Draw: Draw an autumn picture. Use natural object such as seeds and leaves to decorate it.

Research: What can you find out about the moon landing. Find out what these words mean: galaxy, Milky Way, satellite, constellation, gravity.

Visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkvv4wx/resources/2> to learn all about different planets, including our own very special planet, Earth. There are lots of different films to explore.

Go to: The River Exe to take an autumnal walk along the river bank.

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## Mathematics

Children will extend their knowledge of the number system, focusing on numbers up to 100, working out 'one more and one less' and the place value of number, using resources to help us with our maths. Correct formation of each numeral remains a really important skill to master, so we will be practising.

We have already started perfecting our number formation, adding and counting. A great way to practise maths at home is to do some cooking together, discussing weights and measures while having fun!

## English

We started our journey in Year 1 learning our favourite nursery rhymes and creating a class book of letters.

In English this half term we have started our learning by using the book *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy. With the help of actions and story maps we have learnt lots of the story and this will help us to write our own super sentences soon. Our main focus is writing a 'golden sentence' with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop (or a question mark or an exclamation mark). In Year 1 we are becoming determined learners who don't give up and make sure that our letters are correctly formed.



*'Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.'*  
Carl Sagan

## So far this term we have...

- Made new friends and learned about each other.
- Learned all about our senses and had a visit from John from the WESC Foundation.
- Reminded ourselves of Kelso's choices.
- Thought about our 'mindset'.
- Discussed the routines and expectations of Year 1.
- Enjoyed a visit from the 'Space Odyssey'.

## Out and About

As we are enjoying dark evenings, why not try to get outside on a clear night and go constellation spotting? Wrap up warm!

Visit: [www.spacekids.co.uk/learn](http://www.spacekids.co.uk/learn)



## Did you know...?

If you could fly a plane to Pluto, the trip could take more than 800 years!

The human body has seven senses, but most people think there are only five. Can you name them?

The world record for the biggest pumpkin is 1,810lbs.

Millions of trees grow each year from nuts that squirrels bury and forget to eat!

*inspire*

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*discover*

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*succeed*

