

Year 1 Learning Letter

This Term's Projects

Our new project this spring term is titled 'Coast to Coast'. We began the term by completing our passports and discovering all about the United Kingdom. The children loved sampling traditional foods, music and costumes from the countries of the UK.

During this term we will continue learning all about the United Kingdom, improve on our sculpting skills, and explore artists who use natural materials in their artwork, e.g. Henry Moore. In Science, our focus will be British mammals and for our trip this term we will be visiting the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter (RAMM) <http://www.rammuseum.org.uk/>

Year 1
Spring
Home Learning

ESSENTIAL each week:

Reading

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

Maths – New for the Spring term

x3 sessions of between 5-10 minutes practicing the current maths skills that your teacher has selected for the class on Education City. **You are welcome to use Education City for any other games, e.g. phonics.**

OPTIONAL to enjoy over the

Spring 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.

Art: Why not have a go at modelling your own sculptures using playdough at home.

Research: The capital cities of the UK: Can you find an interesting fact about London, Belfast, Cardiff or Edinburgh?

Visit: <https://www.rspb.org.uk> to take part in The Big Garden Birdwatch.

Go to: Exeter University for a sculpture hunt. Visit their website for more information: <https://www.artsandcultureexeter.co.uk/explore/sculpture-walk/>

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Did you know that you can print off certificates from Education City?

## Mathematics

Children will be extending their knowledge of numbers and our number system, focusing on numbers up to 100. We will be concentrating on solving problems with addition and subtraction. Counting forwards and backwards remains a really important skill to master by the end of Year 1 we need to ensure that everyone can count on and back within 100, so have a go at practising at home.

We will also be consolidating our number bonds to 20. This will involve lots of bug hunts and outdoor counting!

## English

In English, we will be continuing to strengthen our story writing and write short narratives. We will focus on the story 'How to Hide a Lion at School' by Helen Stephens. This will help us to continue to work on our storytelling and writing skills.

As we progress through the term, we will continue to build on our English skills and will be looking at the use of prefixes and suffixes for example, -un, -ing, -ed, -es. We will be working hard on our tricky word spelling and being resourceful - using the iboxes in the classroom if we get stuck.

In handwriting, we will be continuing to join as many letters as we can in each word and always write our names correctly and neatly.

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"*

*Nelson Mandela*





## So far this term we have...

- explored the countries of the United Kingdom and learnt about their traditions
- thought about ... 'How to hide a lion at school'.
- visited the UK on our class bus
- become amazing mathematicians using the 'count-on' and 'count-back' methods in 10s



Why don't you try to complete our bird spotter sheet? You might recognise some of these from our school grounds. You can download this sheet and lots of other spotter sheets about insects, animals, flowers and plants from

<http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/spotting-sheets>



## Garden bird detective



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## Did you know...?

- The queen has two birthdays! Her real birthday and a ceremonial one.
- An average size tree can provide enough wood to make 170,100 pencils.
- A hedgehog has between 5,000 and 7,000 quills.
- A male fox is called a tod.

*inspire*

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*discover*

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*succeed*



What else do you know?