

Year 1 Autumn Term Reading

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- Apply their growing phonic knowledge when reading aloud by blending sounds in unfamiliar words.
- Re-read books to build up their fluency and confidence when reading.
- Be very familiar with key stories.
- Discuss the significance of the title and events in a book.

You can help your child by:

Encouraging your child to sound out unfamiliar words both in books and all around them (e.g. signs, labels, magazines).

Read to your child as often as you can and don't be afraid to repeat stories if they become favourites.

Take your child along to the library to join in the summer reading challenge, 'Mischief Makers'.

Year 1 Autumn Term Writing

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- Name the letters of the alphabet in order.
- Spell words using the graphemes that they have been taught (phonics)
- Form lower case letters correctly, starting and ending in the correct place.
- Practise each sentence orally before they begin to write it.
- Leave spaces between words.

You can help your child by:

Offer your child lots of opportunities for using writing equipment, e.g. pens, crayons, pencils, chalk, paint to draw, write, colour or even just scribble! All mark making is building valuable skills.

Build up fine and gross motor skills with e.g. playdough, sand, threading beads, etc.

Discuss what the children write before and after they have done so.

Sing the alphabet song...a lot!

Year 1 Autumn Term Maths

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- Count to 100, forwards and backwards.
- Read and write numbers to 20.
- Understand and use these mathematical symbols: + - =.
- Recognise and describe 2d shapes.
- Begin to recognise and understand the value of coins.

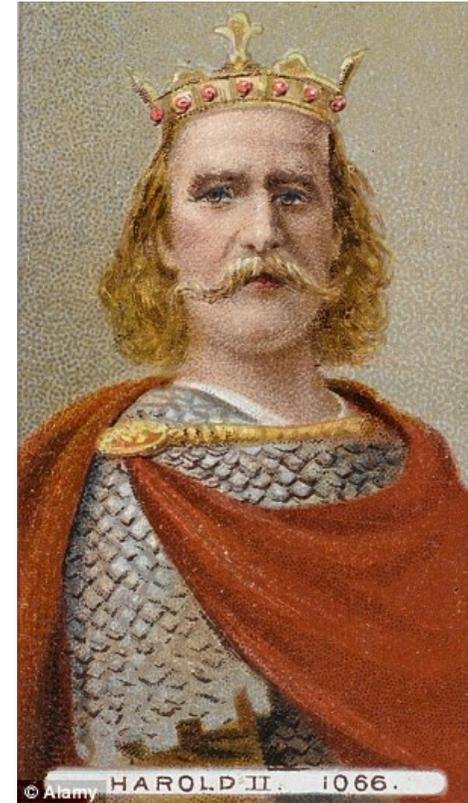
You can help your child by:

Counting everyday objects and discussing quantities, e.g. 'We have 6 apples. If we eat 3, how many will we have left?'

Point out numbers and shapes wherever you go.

Allow your child to play with or buy items with real coins.

King Harold



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Background Information on Topic

This term we will be learning about historical events in our local community. King Harold was the king of England until 1066 when he was defeated by William the Conqueror from Normandy, France. He is significant to Waltham Abbey because he is believed to be buried in the grounds of the church.

Launch Day

On Monday 10th September, we will be having our launch day. This is where the children are introduced to their topic in an exciting and inspirational way. We would like the children to dress as kings and queens for the day. We will have many engaging activities on the day to really get the children excited about our topic.

Visit

This year we have booked a trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle where the children will have the opportunity to experience first hand what life in a Norman castle might have been like. The children will explore the castle and roam through the Norman village hidden behind the castle.

PE

All children are required to have the correct PE kit in school for the whole week as PE happens on different days throughout the week.

Indoor PE Kit: plain black shorts, plain white t-shirt*

Outdoor PE Kit: plain grey tracksuit, plain white t-shirt, outdoor trainers, socks

*These items with the school logo can be bought from school office.



Key Dates for Autumn Term

Monday 3rd September 2018—Inset day

Tuesday 4th September 2018 – Inset day

Wednesday 5th September 2018— First Day Back at School

Thursday 6th September 2018 – Meet the Teacher Evening 5.00pm

Monday 10th September 2018- Launch Day

Wednesday 3rd October 2018— Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle

22nd Oct 2018 – 26th Oct 2018- HALF TERM holiday

Wednesday 19th December 2018— End of term

Homework

Please remember that homework is an essential part of the children's learning and it is important that they complete it at home.

Homework will be given out every Friday (via the school website) and needs to be handed in on Wednesday.

Homework Club is run after school every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15– 4.15pm.

Books to read

Sign up to the local library and complete the Summer Reading Challenge. The theme for this year is 'Mischief Makers'. Visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to create your own profile and get signed up.



Ideas for Launch Day

It is always more fun if all children come in dressed up for launch day. There is no need to spend a lot of money, making a costume together with your child can be great fun!

