

# YEAR 1 NEWS

## The UK

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! I hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and are ready to start back at school.

Our topic this half term is all about 'The UK.' We will be learning about where we live and the countries that make up the United Kingdom.

### English

This term we will begin by reading the book 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony. We will be writing our own diary entries for a character of our choice and figuring out who stole the queen's hat!

We will then be looking at the story 'The queen's handbag' which is another book by Steve Antony.

### Maths

Within Year 1, we will be using the White Rose scheme to support the teaching and learning of maths. This term we will be recapping on our numbers 0-10 and carrying out addition and subtraction calculations using part-whole models. The children will be working out of their very own workbook and using hands on physical equipment as much as possible to develop their understanding of number.



### Science

In our science lessons, we will be learning about materials. We will be exploring the properties of everyday materials and looking at understanding why certain materials have certain functions. We will link our science lessons to our DT topic, thinking about suitable materials to make play equipment for a park.

### Geography -The UK

In geography, the children will be learning where the UK is on a world map. We will be exploring which countries make up the British Isles and looking at locating and identifying the characteristics of each country.

### Design & Technology

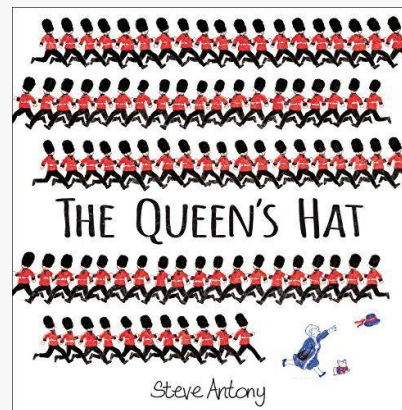
This term the children will be exploring how to make structures! We will be looking at different types of structures that already exist and exploring how to make our own so they do not collapse!

### Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning about being safe online. Using Purple Mash, the children will learn how to log on, log off and navigate the desktop. They will learn how to save their work and then open it again from the correct folder.

### Phonics

Continuing with the use of First-Class Phonics, children will continue to develop their phonic knowledge and bring reading books home that match the current learning.



*We will be reading  
'The Queen's Hat'*

### PE

PE is a very important part of the curriculum. Not only do children become healthier, but it also allows them to develop their teamwork skills.

PE lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday Please ensure your child wears their PE kit for school on their PE days.

### Reading

We will hear your child read every week within class through 1:1 reading with the Teaching Assistant or Teacher and within our guided reading sessions. Children will bring reading books home that match current phonics teaching.

Oxford Owl is also a great reading resource which you can access at home using the login details here:

Username: *wildbank1*  
Password: *read*

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask.

*Miss Hand*