

Key Stage One Newsletter

Autumn 1 2022



Welcome back!

We hope you have all enjoyed your summer holidays! It is lovely to welcome all the children back to school in their new classes and we have been very impressed with the way they have settled so quickly into the term. The children should certainly feel very proud of themselves!

Our learning this half term

This half term is based on all things geography. We started the half term with a map week, looking closely at our local area and using aerial photographs to identify different features. Following our local walk, we will become cartographers - making maps and using a simple key for some of the main features of our walk. We will then be looking at the UK more widely, looking at each country and any landmarks, as well as being able to identify surrounding seas oceans and capital cities. We will be looking at stories from the different countries during our English lessons. The attached knowledge organiser will provide some of the key vocabulary and facts we will be learning – this could be a good opportunity for discussion with your child.

In history we will look at the local event of Goose Fair and how this has changed within living memory.

In our R.E. lessons we will be learning about the theme of kindness, and in particular the Bible story of the Good Samaritan. Our big question this half term is 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all the time?'

Welcome back!

from the
KS1 team



Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- recognise the value of each digit in a 2-digit number
- partition 2-digit numbers into different combinations of tens and ones
- use number lines to estimate, locate and compare numbers
- add and subtract number bonds to 10 and 100
- count in 2s, 5s and 10s and recall our times tables more speedily.

Spelling Shed



Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed each week and a paper copy of the spellings to practise will also be sent home. You can find your child's Spelling Shed login details on the inside cover of reading diaries. Spellings will be tested during our phonics session on **Friday**.

Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child as often as possible, and **at least 4 times per week**. This really does make a difference in helping children to enjoy reading and helps to reinforce their phonics learning. **Reading diaries will be checked weekly** Children who have their reading diary signed 4 times each week will receive House Points and a reward at the end of the half term. Your child will have a set day for changing their reading books each week.

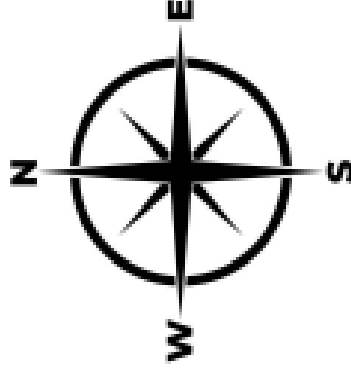
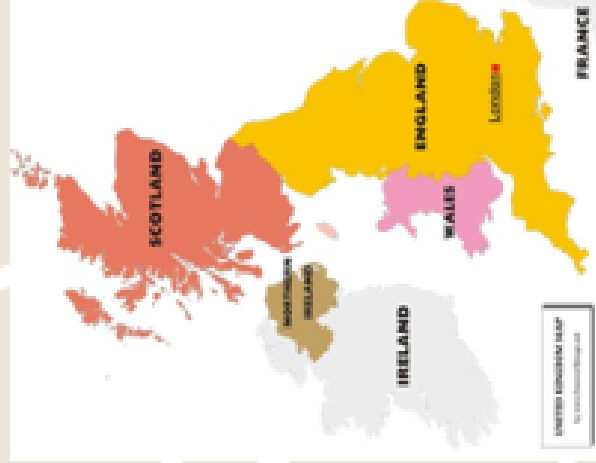
As always, if you have any questions please feel free to come and ask one of us!

Many thanks for your continued support!

Miss Hislop, Miss Gallacher, Miss Bembridge and Mrs Trenowden ☺

KS1 Map Makers

We are cartographers!



Key Vocabulary

Cartographer: a person who draws or produces maps

Compass: an instrument with a magnetic needle that shows direction on the Earth's surface by pointing towards the north.

Key: a list of symbols that appear on a map

Symbol: a mark or picture used to represent something

Aerial view: looking at something from above

Human features: something built by humans in the landscape

Physical features: something that occurs naturally in the landscape

Route: a way taken from a starting point to reach a destination

Positional language: where something or someone is in relation to other things e.g. beside, next to, over, under.

Sticky Knowledge

What are the 4 capital cities of the UK?

London (England)
Cardiff (Wales)
Edinburgh (Scotland)
Belfast (N. Ireland)

What features do maps have?

- Symbols
- Key
- Compass points

What human features might you see on a map?

houses, churches,
schools, roads,
railways, bridges

What physical features might you see on a map?

seas, rivers,
mountains, hills,
forests, beaches

Directional language:

North, East, South, West

Left, Right, Forwards, Backwards