



What's going on in Year 1?

Date: Friday 24th September

This week in Year 1:

Phew! A busy week for us in Year One! We have been working hard to write sentences, sound out words and remember where our capital letter and full stop goes. This is a huge focus of the Year 1 curriculum and we will be encouraging children to re-read their work and see if they have included these features in their writing. We have also been sounding out words carefully and recalling our digraphs (two letters that make one sound, such as 'sh') and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound, such as 'igh') in our writing. You might look for these in your reading books at home.

In Maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards to at least 30. We have been remembering to say 'thirteen' and not 'thirty', as this is a common misconception. When counting at home, check to see if your child says 'teen' or 'ty'. We have been working on a ten frame to show different amounts and adding numbers together using apparatus.

We have also been exploring our senses. The focus this week has been on sight. We matched animals to their eyes, looked carefully at our own eyes in mirrors and looked at various objects through magnifying glasses. Amongst all of our other exciting lessons we have looked at the work of the abstract artist Piet Mondrian- this linked well to our work on primary colours and we have made art that was inspired by looking at his works. Did you know that some of Mondrian's works were based on maps of streets in cities? This linked with our work in Geography when we looked at maps, discovering what they are and what they can show us.

Important Information:

The Year 1 day starts at 8.45 a.m. and finishes at 3.25pm.

Class 4 P.E. lessons are on Monday and Wednesday.

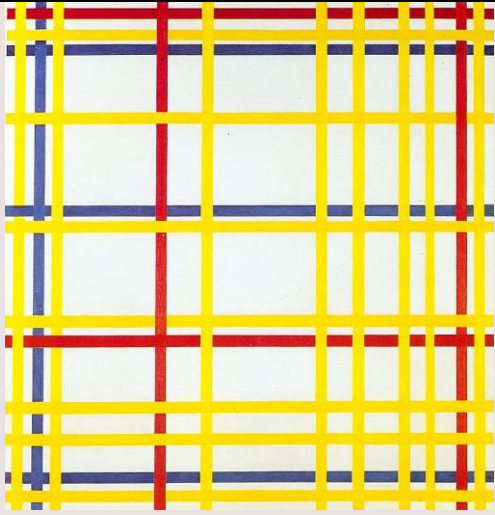
Class 5 P.E. lessons are on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Class 6 will have P.E. on Monday and Tuesday.

Homework:

Spellings for each phonic group come home on a Friday and the children have a week to learn them before the test the following Friday. Please help your child to practise these at home.

Any Maths homework will follow the same pattern, coming home on a Friday to be completed by the following week. If you could send the homework book in by Wednesday then we can return it to you on Friday. Thanks.



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Dates-

Half term holiday- We break up on 22nd October for one week, returning to school on Monday 1 November.

We break up for Christmas on Tuesday 21st December at 1.45p.m.

Before school

Please can we ask that when teachers come out onto the playground you keep your child with you so that they do not run by the children lining up in another class. This will keep everyone safe and give us a calm and orderly start to the day. We understand that it does take some time for the classes to enter school but we are trying to make the process as speedy and safe as possible for all. Thanks so much.