



Continuing Learning at Home

The most effective way to support your child's learning is to spend time talking to them, showing an interest and playing their games. If you would like to talk to your child about what they have been learning at school and help continue their learning there are some ideas below.

English

In English this term we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be comparing hot and cold places and will be writing descriptive sentences about them. The children will be learning about elephants and polar bears and will be writing their own information books on these animals. Towards the end of term we will be looking at stories from other cultures such as Babushka. When writing, the children will be encouraged to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters in addition to a range of adjectives known as "wow" words.

At home you could:

- Continue reading with your child on a regular basis
- Practise phonic sounds and letter names
- Make up stories with your child verbally
- Visit the library and read stories
- Talk about features of stories
- Find some facts out about elephants and polar bears

Maths

This term we will continue to use hundred squares and number lines to support our learning. We will be learning about measures and the children will be comparing quantities and lengths using appropriate mathematical language.

At home you could:

- Find one more, one less, ten more and ten less on a hundred square
- Count objects together in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Ask your child to find doubles and half of numbers and objects
- Help your child learn how to use their fingers to count – they know 5 fingers are on one hand so can carry on counting from 5
- Help your child to recognise and name all of the teen numbers

Science

In science we will be learning about animals. The children will be naming parts of animals and will be comparing the animals to humans. We will be talking about pets and thinking about how the children help to look after them. We will learn which animals are carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. Finally the children will be sorting and classifying animals.

- Talk about any pets you have at home
- Find some information books on your child's favourite animal

Geography

This term we will be learning about hot and cold places in the world. We will be looking at Antarctica and will be learning about penguins and polar bears that live there. The children will then compare what they learn about Antarctica to the desert. The children will then link this knowledge to hot and cold places they may have been on holiday.

At home you could:

- Find holiday locations on a map
- Discuss where the hot and cold places in the world are

Music

In music this term we will be exploring and describing sounds. We will be making long and short sounds with instruments and we will be combining sounds to make sequences.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be learning how we can get along with our friends and how to resolve issues when we fall out. The children will be exploring safety in the home and making posters to represent their ideas.

Handwriting

We will be learning to correctly form our curly caterpillar letters: c, a, o, g, d, q, e, s, f and zig zag monster letters: z, x, w, v.

At home you could:

- Make sure your child holds their pencil correctly
- Practise letters in the air or in sand ensuring they start at the top

Computing

In computing this term we will be continuing to develop our basic computer skills. We will be making some posters about animals using publisher.

At home you could:

- Continue to recognise letters on the keyboard
- Log on to Purple Mash

P.E.

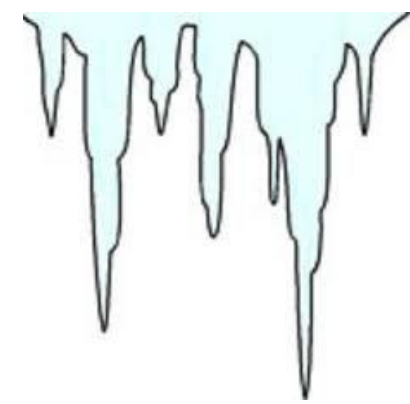
This term we will be learning to develop our balance, space, control and coordination when moving.

R.E.

We will be learning about journeys and the nativity.

Christmas

Finally, during this term we will be rehearsing our Christmas play and participating in various Christmas activities. You can help your child by practising their lines at home and attending our performances. Christmas craft afternoon is on Friday 12th December and our Christmas play performances will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th December and the morning of Thursday 11th December.



This term our topic is:

Hot and

Cold

Year 1

