



# Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Spring 1  
2024

## Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you have had a restful break! If you have any questions about your child's progress or other matters, please speak to your class teacher or Mrs Pindoria by making an appointment via the email [learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk](mailto:learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk). There is a lot to do this half-term, so we hope this letter will enable you to support your child with their learning at home.

### English

This half term the children will be focusing on the stories **Peace at Last** and **Orion and the Dark**.

Children will be:

- Using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their writing.
- Identifying and describing characters and settings.
- Retelling key events of the stories.

#### **How can you help your child at home?**

Encourage them to practise their handwriting and learn the Year 1 harder to read and spell words/ high frequency words that are sent home.

**Useful website:** <http://www.ictgames.com>

### Science

Our topic this half term is **Animals**. We will begin describing and comparing the structure of different animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will also be focused on the Big Garden Birdwatch (26.01.24).

#### **Seasons**

The children will be observing, describing and recording the changes in the weather over time.

### Computing

This unit introduces children to early programming concepts. The children will explore using individual commands, both with each other and as part of a computer program. They will use floor robots to start understanding and creating simple programmes.

### Design and Technology

In this subject area, Year 1 will be exploring the element of colour. The children will be naming the primary and secondary colours and creating their own colour wheels.

### Maths

Our focus this half term will be **addition** and **subtraction** within 20.

#### **Addition**

Children will:

- \* Add by counting on
- \* Add using number bonds
- \* Find and make number bonds to 20

#### **Subtraction**

Children will be:

- \* Subtracting by counting back
- \* Solving missing number problems

#### **Useful websites:**

Oak Academy: (Addition and Subtraction) [Unit - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenationalacademy.com)

Bitesize (Addition and Subtraction) [Adding and subtracting - KS1 Maths - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize)

### History

#### **Amy Johnson**

The children will be learning about significant people in History. We will be looking at why Amy Johnson is famous, to sequence events in her life, her famous flight and people's reactions.

#### **Useful website:**

Kids Encyclopaedia: [Amy Johnson Facts for Kids \(kiddle.co\)](https://www.kiddle.co)

### Music

Music will be delivered by a Brent schools music teacher who will be focussing on **rhythm skills** and **patterns** and **singing using accurate pitching**.

### Religion and World Views

Our focus this half term will be on **special people**. We will look at what makes a person special and important religious figures. We will be focusing on Christianity, Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism.

### P.E

P.E lessons will be taught by a specialist P.E teacher. Children will be exploring simple movement patterns to create a dance sequence.

Children must come in their P.E kits on their allocated days.

### PSHE

Children will be discussing **health** and **wellbeing**. We will look at how to keep healthy physically and emotionally.

Thank you

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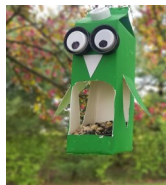
# Year 1 Home Learning Spring 1

Please complete the challenges below by Monday 5th February 2024.  
Learning is to be submitted in your red home learning book.

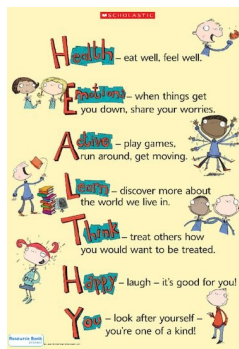
## Science - Birds

In science, we will be focusing on Big Garden Birdwatch on 26.01.24. Can you help your child design and create a bird feeder.

Record the different birds that visit and how many birds visit your feeder.



## PSHE - Health



In PSHE, we will be learning about how to keep our body and minds healthy.

Why not get started by creating a poster including all the different ways that we can keep our body and minds healthy.

E.g. exercise and a balanced diet

## English—Stories

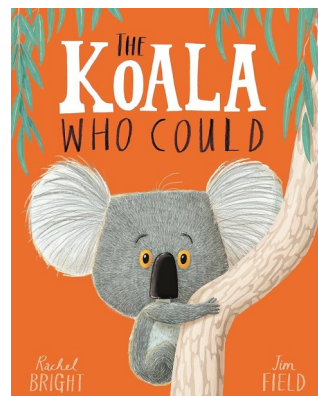
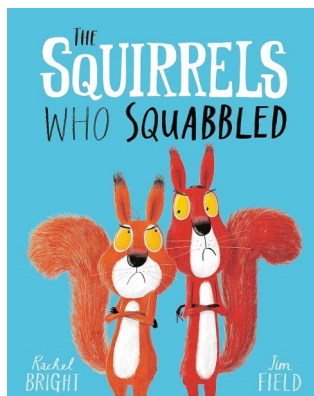
Have you read a good book recently?  
Tell us all about it!

Draw a picture of your favourite part of the book and write a matching sentence!



**Don't forget to use:**

- \* A Capital letter
- \* Finger spaces
- \* A full stop



## Super Power of Looking



You are going to analyse this piece of art and discuss the points below with your parent. You can submit answers in your red book. Also write what your parent has said.

This painting is called '[Elizabeth I - The Armada Portrait](#)' (1533-1603).

1. What is Elizabeth wearing for this portrait?
2. What is Elizabeth holding?
3. Which colours are used most in this painting?
4. Look carefully at the background scenes. What do they show?

## Compulsory Homework — Maths Fluency Focus

Week 1: Number bonds to 20.

Week 2: Doubles.

Week 3: Subtraction to 20.

Week 4: Fact families.

Week 5: Missing number problems.

Reading books will be changed **every Friday**. Please ensure reading record's are **signed daily**.

Spellings will be given every Tuesday and children will be tested the **following Monday**.

Home learning will be given **every Friday** in red home learning books. Home learning must be handed in by **Wednesday**.