



Year 1 Learning Letter

Friday 13th January 2023



Welcome back to school everyone and happy new year! The children have definitely come back with lots of energy and they are ready to learn!
Thankyou for all of your cards and generous gifts, we really appreciate it as a team.

Please ensure that as the weather is so changeable, your child comes to school with warm, named clothes, so that when we are learning outside they are not cold.

Forest School sessions will commence again with the children at Brockham in group 1 for 3 weeks - 18th Jan, 25th January and 1st February. The following group will follow for 2 weeks and 1 after half term. Miss Winslade recommends extra socks on a Weds in their bag!

This week, we have been trying a new 'Look, say, cover, write, check' sheet that the children will bring home. This is to help them to learn to spell the Year 1 Common Exception words. The words are located in the back of their diary and the they will write the ones they are learning each week too. There will not be an official test, though we will keep an eye on how they are doing on these over the next few months.

What we are learning

- English - non-fiction creating posters about dinosaurs
- Phonics - Phase 5 using Bug Club
- Maths - addition and subtraction using practical resources and
- Science - naming different materials
- Geography - looking at the UK
- RE - The Church
- Outdoor Learning - The Big Bird Watch & making bird feeders
- Art - printing
- Computing - How to stay safe online and keeping our details private
- Learning to create a dinosaur dance!
- Games - ball control



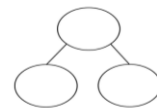
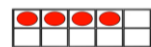
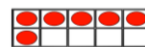
Using practical resources for Maths

At North Downs we pride ourselves in giving the children lots of hands-on resources to enable them to understand the various concepts for the Maths curriculum. As we have been exploring addition, we have been using blocks, counters and sticks to mention just a few. Using everyday objects is one way you can help your child at home. Often this this can also provide a way of learning without knowing they are learning!

You can create a tens frame with sticks or indoors on a scrap of paper. You could use pasta pieces, Lego, toy cars or small toys to represent the numbers.

You can find our support booklets for Maths on the school website. Little and often is the key to learning the concepts we teach.

<https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Maths+Support+Booklets&pid=471>



Now that the children have access to their online login for Education City, they can also explore the activities on there for Reception (to consolidate learning) and Year 1. <https://www.educationcity.com/>

