



Year 1 Learning Letter

Friday 12th January 2024



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! Thank you 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 will start this week for the first group of children; the parents of those children will have received a letter. The second group will start after half term and again a letter will be going out to those parents of group two nearer the time.

Year 1 took home their homework books last week. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and collected back in by Wednesday the following week. Please spend no longer than 20 minutes on this, but if your child wants to spend more time then please feel free to use the homework book to show any extra work. In addition to weekly homework, we would encourage you to read with your child and spend time on the KIRFS for Year 1. KIRFS can be found on the school website:

<https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Key+Instant+Recall+Facts+%28KIRFs%29&pid=454>

What we are learning

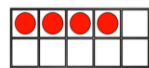
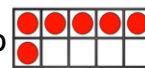
- English - Non-fiction creating posters about dinosaurs
- Phonics - Phase 5 using Bug Club
- Maths - Addition and subtraction using practical resources
- Science - Naming different materials
- Geography - Looking at the UK
- RE - Judaism
- Outdoor Learning - The Big Bird Watch & making bird feeders
- Art - printing
- Computing - How to stay safe online and keeping our details private
- Dance- Flamenco
- Games - Ball control



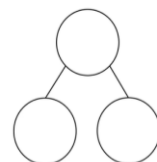
Using practical resources for Maths

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. Very often 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>