

Hassocks Infant School
Weekly information for Parents and Carers
Weekly Overview

Year group: 1

Date: WC. 15.12.25

Area of learning	What we will be learning	
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy</p>	<p>We will be learning about poetry. We will be learning about the nonsense poem 'My Name Is...' by Pauline Clarke.</p> <p>We will be writing our own Christmas themed nonsense poems.</p> <p><u>We are learning to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create actions for a poem. • Write a class poem. <p><u>You can help me at home by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Revisiting 'My Name Is...' by Pauline Clarke. – Writing nonsense poems together. – Creating actions for other familiar poems. <p style="text-align: center;">My Name Is . . . <i>by Pauline Clarke</i></p> <p>My name is Sluggery-wuggery My name is Worms-for-tea My name is Swallow-the-table-leg My name is Drink-the-Sea.</p> <p>My name is I-eat-saucepans My name is I-like-snails My name is Grand-Piano-George My name is I-ride-whales.</p> <p>My name is Jump-the-chimney, My name is Bite-my-knee, My name is Jiggery-pokery, And Riddle-me-ree, and ME.</p>	<p><u>Phonics focus:</u></p> <p>Reviewing all our sounds from this term and completing phonics assessments to ensure children are reading the correct level of book.</p> <p>You can help me at home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Downloading the sound mat and practising both the blue digraphs and golden Year 1 digraphs. <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
<p>Handwriting:</p>	<p>We are starting to use lead ins in all our writing and are focusing on revising all our easy letters:</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> </div> <p>Please support me at home by practising these.</p>	
<p>Mathematical Development</p>	<p>This week will be focusing on 3D shapes. We are learning:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To name and identify 3D shapes • The properties of 3D shapes <p>- Vocabulary:</p> <p>- 3D shape names – cube, cuboid, cylinder, square-based pyramid, sphere</p>
<p>Religious Education</p>	<p>This term in RE we will be learning about Gifts and Giving. Our Big Question is: “Why are gifts important during Eid and Christmas?” The children will be encouraged to compare and contrast Eid and Christmas and consider the importance of gifts and giving in Islam and Christianity.</p> <p>We are learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Eid? • How is Eid celebrated? • What is Christmas? • How is Christmas celebrated? <p>Vocabulary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Eid – Ramadan – Fasting – Quran <p>You can ask your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is Eid? What is Ramadan? How long does Eid last? How do Muslims celebrate Eid? What is fasting? What is the same/ different about Eid and Christmas?
<p>Geography</p>	<p>This term will be learning about the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.</p> <p>This week we are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and locate the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. • Talk about and describe features of landmarks in each four countries of the United Kingdom. <p>Vocabulary:</p> <p>City, Country, United Kingdom, London, Capital city, Scotland, Edinburgh, Lake or Loch, Northern Ireland and Wales.</p> <p>You can ask your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To tell you about famous landmarks, - You can get a map or atlas out and find Wales and Northern Ireland. - What is the capital city of Wales? What can you see there? - What is the capital city of Northern Ireland? What can you see there?
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>Jenny will lead Friday PE sessions and class teachers will lead sessions on Thursday. We will be learning a dance linked to our topic and learning some gymnastic shapes.</p> <p>Our PE days are Thursday and Friday.</p> <p>On Thursdays we will be learning gymnastics shapes and creating routines in floorwork. Please ask your child to show you the shapes we have learned.</p> <p>On Fridays we are focusing on learning a dance routine linked to our topic ‘Kingdoms, castles and crowns’.</p>

Any Other Information

Christmas cards

If you have any unwanted new Christmas cards please can we have them for our Christmas card stations in Year 1

Reading books

We won't be sending reading books home over Christmas but will be going to the library this week so children can choose a sharing book. Please return all the reading books you have at home.

Christmas arrangements

- Monday – Christmas singing assembly for all the children.
- Thursday – Christmas Jumper day and Christmas party games in hall
- Friday – Last day of term and Christmas film.

Toys

Please remember that we have no toys in school as a general rule. Sometimes children with sensory needs may bring objects in to support them, however this has been arranged with the class teacher. Please remind your child that they should not be bringing in cuddly toys, cars etc.

Backpacks

Please may we request your support with helping us to limit the number of large backpacks coming in to school. Each child has enough space for their book bag, PE bag and coat to fit on their peg. Large backpacks have a tendency to fall on the floor in the cloak room posing a trip hazard. Thank you for this team effort to keep our cloak rooms safe and tidy.