

Dates for the diary

Tilbury Fort Visit: 1.04.20

Regular attendance is very important to ensure that your child has the opportunity to make consistent progress and reach their full potential.

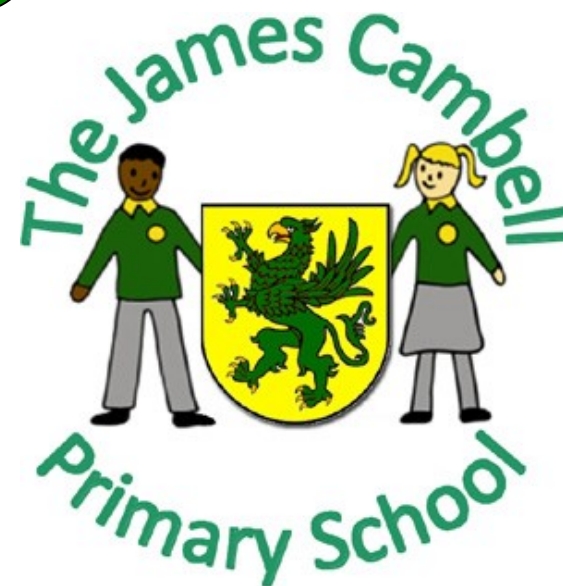
Remember in June the children in Year 1 will have a phonics screening test, which we have been practising for every day in school. If you wish to practise phonics at home with your child these are a couple of really good links which you can practise at home.

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com>

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/articles/2016/01/25/phonics-games/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

We are learning about...



Year 1

Forts and Rivers

Spring 2

Literacy

In Literacy this half term we will be reading and listening to stories and fact books linked to our topic, such as *A River* by Mark Martin and *A Secret Tree Fort* by Brianne Farley. We will also be reading **The Owl and the Pussycat** by Edward Lear. The children will be learning this poem and performing it. We will be writing in response to our reading and consolidating our understanding of sentences. We will continue to learn the spellings expected for Year One and also words with specific endings, for example: words ending with *est* and *er*. The children will learn more joins as they learn to form letters correctly and fluently.

As the children become more fluent in their reading we will be focusing more on ways to find and retrieve information in their reading. We will also be expecting the children to read aloud with confidence and to discuss their own writing with their class.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we will be counting to 20, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number. We will be counting, reading and writing numbers to 20 in numerals and words. We will be identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least. We will be counting in multiples of 2's and 5's.

We will be representing and using number bonds and related subtraction facts (within 20). We will be learning to add and subtract 1 digit numbers to 20 including zero and solving one step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations and missing number problems. Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving +, - and =.

The Creative Learning Journey

Our topic is **Forts and Rivers!** We will be using the theme of forts and rivers to develop our skills across the curriculum. The children will be identifying, naming and locating the River Thames. We will be recognising that London is built up around the River Thames. We will be going on a trip to Tilbury Fort and identifying the key human and physical features: fort, river and moat. We will be using maps to locate the River Thames and Tilbury Fort.

In science we will be investigating and finding out about our changing seasons and exploring changes in plants. We will also be learning how to write instructions for programmable toys to move on a map.

In R.E. we will be looking at family and exploring the idea of special and sacred objects. The children will also be finding out where money comes from and understand how to make choices when spending money.

Information about Year One.

Please make time to read and practise the word/phase sheets with your child. It really makes a difference.

Please read with your child every night.

Don't forget to comment in your child's reading record as this is really helpful to the class teacher.

We send homework home on Fridays and spellings home on Mondays. Spellings are tested on Fridays.

Please spend time supporting your child with these activities.