



Year 1: Autumn 2 – Unique UK



If you would like to help your child learn at home there are many things you can do.

- Read with your child every day
- Join the library
- Use age appropriate computer programmes (phonics play/ bug club– see class teacher for more details and sites)
- Take an interest in what they did at school and bring things in to show us e.g. photos
- Play with them to help build upon their imagination.
- Use mathematics in everyday situations (counting cars/trees, in the shop, finding and discussing shapes in the environment)

PE Timetable:

Class 1A PE – Wednesday and Thursday

Class 1B PE – Thursday and Friday

Class 1C PE – Wednesday and Thursday

Key Dates

Police visit – 27.11.20

If you have any concerns or just want a chat about your child's progress feel free to contact your child's teacher on our year group email – year1@jamescambellprimary.org.uk.

English

In English this half term we will be using a scheme called Read, Write, Inc which is a rapid Learn to read programme. Your child will be introduced to a Frog called Fred who can only say the sounds in a word and needs your child to help him read the word. We will be revising all the sounds your child was taught in Reception and practising and blending new sounds to read and write words. Alternative sounds will be introduced to the children such as the 'ay' in day and the 'ai' in pain. Your child will learn to read whilst also developing a wide range of vocabulary and encouraging a love of stories. We will also be learning to spell more words, practising our letter formation and learning good handwriting habits. We will be continuing to send home phase word sheets that your child had in Reception and we will be testing them weekly.

Useful websites for phonics and reading:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk - **Bug club** – please see your child's reading diary for their username and password.

The Wider Curriculum

This half-term our topic is "Unique UK" where pupils will learn about the United Kingdom. Our topic focuses on identifying and locating the four countries of the UK and naming

In **Geography** we will be identifying and locating four countries of the UK. We will be finding out what the capital cities are in these countries. We will be talking about the human and physical characteristics of each of the four countries using geographical vocabulary – river, coast, mountains etc. We will be using globes and maps to locate the surrounding seas.

◆ In **Science**, we will be testing everyday materials and recording our findings. We will also be looking at plants in our environment and what they look like now. We will be learning to understand that plants change as they grow and according to different seasons and weather conditions.

◆ In **Music** we will be learning to sing songs as part of a group for our Christmas Nativity. We will be developing timing and learning to listen for others, with the opportunity to play accompanying instruments.

◆ In **ICT**, we will be researching facts about a country in the UK and creating a fact file. We will also be designing and creating our own Christmas card.

◆ In **RE**, children will be exploring how Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will be learning about the Christian Bible story around Jesus' birth.

◆ In **PE**, we will be focusing on gymnastics and games. In gymnastics we will be utilise different points and patches when balancing and create tall, small, wide and flat shapes. In games we will continue to explore key basic games including: carrying & balancing equipment; developing throwing and catching; striking and kicking moving balls with control; demonstrating some skills required for dribbling and engaging in team games.

Maths:

In maths, we will be consolidating what we know about addition and learning about subtraction. We will be comparing addition and subtraction number sentences using the symbols $>$, $<$ and $=$. We will be counting forwards and backwards to 20 and learning to read and write these numbers. We will be using the language equal to, more than, less than, most and least. We will be identifying numbers 1 more and less than these numbers. We will be representing and using number bonds and related addition facts (within 20). We will be adding and subtracting 1 digit numbers to 20 including zero. We will be solving one step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations and missing number problems. We will be recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. We will be sorting these shapes and using them to make patterns.

School Jam

We have signed up to an app called School Jam. Please download the app and look for your child's username in their reading diary. Your child's teacher will be sending quick and fun maths activities for you to do at home with your child.

Numbots

We have signed up to Numbots which is an online game to help boost addition and subtraction skills. It can be played on: play.numbots.com. Please look in your child's reading diary for their password.