

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 / School Jam / NumBots– 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 – Monday and Thursday

Class 1B PE – Wednesday and Friday

Class 1C PE – Tuesday and Friday

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](mailto:year1@jamescambellprimary.org.uk) or contact your child's teacher on Class Dojo.

### **English**

In English this half term we will be continuing to use our Read, Write, Inc scheme, which is a rapid Learn to read programme. Your child will be reminded of 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 has been taught 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 whilst writing sentences through a technique called 'Hold the Sentence'. Hold the sentence gives children lots of rehearsing practice before writing the sentence, as well as helping them develop more complex sentences.

### **Useful websites for phonics and reading:**

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk)

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) - **Bug club and School Jam** – please see your child's reading diary for their username and password. Remember School Jam activities are sent out to parents App on a Wednesday. Children should only read one or two books each day on Bug Club and always try to answer the Bug quiz questions.

### **The Wider Curriculum**

This half-term our topic is Our School.

- In History, we will become history detectives and find out about the history of 'The James Cambell Primary School'. We will be investigating similarities and differences around our school through time and begin to give reasons for change. We will use people as a source of evidence. We will find out: Why is it called James Cambell? Why are there two sites?
- In Science, we will
- In Art, we will be focusing on the artist L.S Lowry. We will be exploring his work and talking about it using art and design vocabulary: landscape, colour, line, pattern and texture. We will be creating our own Lowry style picture with figures and buildings.
- In P.E, we will be building on our gymnastic skills. We will familiarise ourselves with using a bench in a variety of ways, including balancing and travelling over them. We will also be doing athletics and build upon our basic skills learnt in games lessons.
- In PSHE, our topic is 'Relationships'. We will be talking about belonging to a family, making and being a good friend and people who help us.
- In ICT, we will become TV chefs and create a video making a healthy snack.
- In Music, we will be listening to a variety of musical styles from different times, traditions and composers – latin and mixed.

### **Maths:**

In maths, we will be working on place value within 50. We will be counting forwards and backwards, recognising 1 more and less and ordering numbers to 50. We will also be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be creating equal groups, adding equal groups and making arrays.

### **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](http://play.numbots.com). Please look in your child's reading diary for their password. There are two fun options – story mode, which is the main game play and allows you child to move up a series of levels and build a better robot. The aim is for children to play little and often – 3 minutes 4 or 5 times a week. There is also a challenge option which is unlocked when children reach a certain level.