

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 Seaside Searchers.

- In Geography, we will be looking at seaside localities. We will be looking at similarities and differences between two localities, identifying key physical and human features and saying how they are different to where they live. We will be using locational language to identify seaside localities on a map.
- In Science, we will be learning about a variety of familiar and less familiar animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will identify and name, look closely at and compare and contrast many different animals. We will be naming body parts, describing physical features and mimicking how they move.
- In DT, we will be learning about structures. We will be designing, creating and evaluating our own beach huts.
- In P.E,
- In PSHE, our topic is 'Changing me'. We will be looking at the lifecycles of animals and humans, changes since being a baby, coping with change and the differences between male and female bodies.
- In ICT, we will be creating our own eBooks using paint. We will be saving images and combing them with text. We will also be talking about how to keep information private online.
- In Music, we will be learning a new song and learning to play a glockenspiel
- In R.E, our key question is 'What does it mean to be a Muslim? They will be given the opportunity to learn about current beliefs, practices and lifestyles by studying holy days, artefacts, festivals and leaders.

### **Maths:**

In maths, we will be working on place value within 100. We will be counting forwards and backwards, comparing numbers, ordering numbers and saying one more or less than a number, We will be comparing heights and lengths and measuring using standard and non-standard units. We will be looking at time and focusing on before and after. We will learn about the date and the time to the hour.

### **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.