



Year One Newsletter
Week Beginning: 21st February
Topic: Unique UK
End of Topic Question:



Which UK Capital City should Mrs. Grimes visit and why?

It's a busy first week back!

This week we will launch into our new topic 'Unique UK' with our 'Where in the World is Baxter Bear?' workshop delivered in school to each class on Tuesday 22nd February!

We will also be heading out on our Tate Modern Trip on Thursday 24th (Orange Class) and Friday 25th (Green Class and Purple Class).

It is Fairtrade Week so we will be making biscuits with Fairtrade sugar and chocolate chips which will not only teach us about Fairtrade but will get us thinking about the UK and our love for tea and biscuits here in England!

So, an exciting first week back ahead!

Zara's running a book-swap for World Book Day – Thursday 3rd of March, so if you've got any books that are still in decent condition, then start bringing them in after half term.

What's Happening Next Week:	How You Can Help at Home:				
<p><u>English</u></p> <p>This week the children will listen to a story called "Katie in London".</p> <p>In line with the geography work we have planned this week, looking at London landmarks, Katie travels through London on the back of a magical lion.</p> <p>Poor Grandma fell asleep before the journey began and so we need to tell Grandma about all the landmarks Katie saw on her travels around London.</p> <p>This week children will re-write the story to tell grandma what happened in London!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>If you are exploring parts of London this half term, what do you see?</p> <p>Draw a picture of any famous landmarks you spot and have a go at learning and spelling its name! Don't forget those Capital Letters for names of places – We will be practising this in our first English lesson on Monday.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">  </td> <td style="text-align: center;">Big Ben</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">  </td> <td style="text-align: center;">The London Eye</td> </tr> </table>		Big Ben		The London Eye
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Can you help us with our working walls?! Send in your labelled pictures. Make them nice and big and they will be great to get up onto our working walls during our first week back!



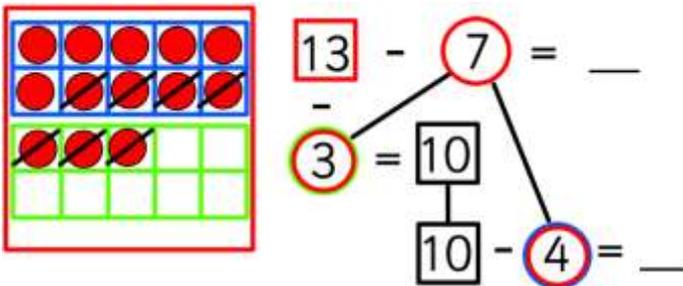
Phonics

This week, we will be reviewing all new, alternative sounds and new grapheme blends we have learned this term!

Revise some of the sounds your child has learned this week, using this picture board. Ask your child to 'segment' the sounds onto their fingers to hear the phonemes and then ask them to write all the graphemes they can hear.

Maths

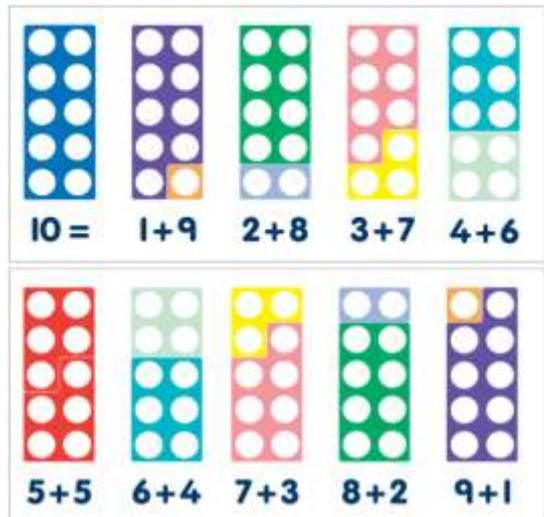
We'll be looking at subtraction crossing 10 after half term. We'll be seeing how it looks over two ten frames, much like we did with addition:



As with addition, this is to introduce the children to what we eventually hope they'll be able to do in their heads; split the number they're taking away down to the nearest 10 and then take away what's left. This is tricky stuff and we wouldn't expect children to be able to do it mentally yet, hence the colourful diagrams!

The children are still not very strong on number bonds of 10 out of sequence, so if they don't know them, it's a good investment of time over half term.

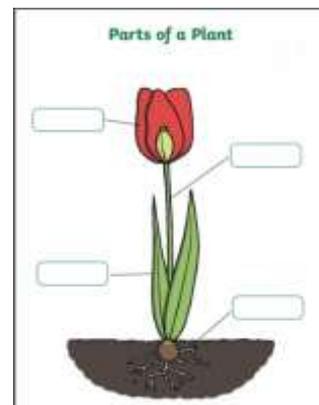
They are: 0 + 10, 1 + 9, 2 + 8, 3 + 7, 4 + 6, 5 + 5, 6 + 4, 7 + 3, 8 + 2, 9 + 1, 10 + 0. First learn them in sequence, then start testing them out of sequence, so if you say 8, they say 2, if you say 4 they say 6 and so on.



Science – Flowering Spring Plants

This week we will be looking at spring flowering plants and their parts. The children will have the opportunity to observe fully grown and blooming uprooted plants. They will draw and label the parts of the plant. We will also discuss the purpose of each part.

Head out on a nature walk over half term. Can you see any plants that have flowered for an early spring? Can you name them?



Art – Dragon Eye Design

This half terms project will be to create a dragon eye out of clay. The children will spend this lesson looking at examples of dragon eyes, various tools and also patterns that could they could implement into their own piece. They will then draw out their own dragon eye design.



Your child could paint, model or draw the dragon who's eye we will be making! Will it be large or small? Winged or not? Long and thin or short and round? Will it be friendly or fierce? We'd love to see any finished dragons via Dojo!



Geography – Baxter Bear Workshop

This week we will attend a 'Where's Baxter Bear?' workshop. Year 1 will join Baxter Bear on a whistle-stop tour of the UK as he uses his compass to find capital cities and learn about the UK's surrounding seas. The children will take an imaginary and immersive journey to London, Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff to discover what life is like around the UK.



As we start to learn about UK geography, now might be a great chance to revisit the world geography we learnt earlier in the year. The game below is a fun way to brush up on oceans and continents knowledge.

[World Continents & Oceans Games - geography online games \(sheppardsoftware.com\)](http://sheppardsoftware.com)



RE – Christianity and Belonging

Within RE this week we will be discussing What it means to belong to and worship within Christianity. We will also look at how people show that they belong and what is special for them about belonging to their Christian faith.



Have a lovely half term break. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 21st.

The Year 1 team 😊