

Year One Newsletter  
Week Beginning: 28th March  
Topic: Unique UK

End of Topic Question:  
Which UK Capital City should Mrs. Grimes visit  
and why?



Reminders for this week:

Reminders for Week Commencing: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Topic Theme Day

Children can come to school dressed in Scottish/Welsh/Irish/British attire! They could wear the colours of the flag for one of these countries, tartan patterns, tweed hats and shawls or the three lions on the shirt! Keep it simple and see what colours and patterns you can find in your wardrobes!

As part of our theme day, children will be making foods from some of the UK countries. Each class will be responsible for baking either – Scottish Shortbread, English Scones or Welsh Cakes. Children will learn how to make their bake in the morning and then have the opportunity to taste all 3 bakes in the afternoon!

The children will participate in a range of craft activities in the afternoon, growing and embedding some of their knowledge and vocabulary of the UK countries. They will carousel around the classrooms, painting daffodils, creating thistles, making flags and messy shamrocks + more!

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Bonnet Parade!

On top of a very exciting week to finish our topic, we will also be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please decorate or create an Easter hat for your child to wear to school this day. We are looking forward to seeing all of your wonderful creations!



**What's Happening Next Week:**

English

In English next week we will be answering that Unifying Question - Which UK Capital City should Mrs. Grimes visit and why?!

Children will use all the knowledge they have built throughout the topic to make their choice for Mrs. Grime's (pretend!) Half Term Holiday!

**How You Can Help at Home:**

The children have shown a keen interest to make fact posters/fact files for countries in the UK, now that they know of so many of their defining human and physical features!

Choose a country to make a fact poster for! Learn more about the Giants Causeway, Arthurs Seat, The River Severn or any other places your child wants to discover more about!

This will be great inspiration for their letter writing next week and may really help them to decide where Mrs Grimes should go!



### Phonics

Please note that next week we will be doing phonics assessments, where your child will read some sounds they have been taught to their teacher, instead of 1:1 reading (books).



Therefore, there will not be notes in reading records this week.

Please practise some spellings for the tricky words we have covered this term:

*oh*  
*their*  
*once*  
*our*  
*because*

### Maths –Weight and Capacity

We'll be finishing off our work on weight and then rounding the week out with work on capacity. The be exploring containers' capacity first with water (outside!) and then for some more detailed measuring they'll be using rice; seeing how many full loads from a small container it takes to fill a larger one.

Why not try some capacity measuring this weekend? Find a larger container and a smaller one. A large mixing bowl and a small cup would be ideal. How many cup fulls does it take to fill the bowl? You could use water, rice or kinetic sand if you have any to hand. Send in any pictures through Dojo!

### Science – Planting Seeds

This week the children will be learning about plants, seeds and how spring brings growth and life. They will be getting their hands dirty as they plant their own seeds which they will be taking home to help grow.

Head out to the park or into your garden. Take a close look at a flowering plant. How many parts of a flowering plant can your child name? Can they identify the leaves, stem, petals,



flower, roots? Can they tell you the purpose of each of those parts?

### Art – Evaluation

The children have now completed their dragon eyes and WOW! They look wonderful. The children have worked really hard on this project and have thoroughly enjoyed it. This week the children will evaluate their finished piece. They will think about what went well, what was tricky, what they changed compared to their design and why.



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 – Comparing the UK countries

In this lesson we will utilise all the knowledge we have on the four UK countries. We will be comparing the countries. Comparing them via their capital cities, landmarks, features, symbols, surrounding seas, size and position.



Have a go at this game which tests your knowledge of the United Kingdom and Ireland. Do you know what they look like on a map? Do you know the capital of each of these countries?

[https://world-geography-games.com/en/europe\\_uk\\_ireland.html](https://world-geography-games.com/en/europe_uk_ireland.html)

Which one of these 5 countries is not part of the UK?



### Computing – Evaluating our posters

The children will have an opportunity to finish their landmark posters if they have not done so already. After, we will evaluate our posters. They will think about what went well, what was tricky, what they changed compared to their design and why.

Keep practising those mouse and keyboard skills at home with your child – even using the mousepad on a laptop will be beneficial. Paint is a great program for your child have fun with whilst brushing up on these skills. Any practise will be hugely valuable when enter the computing suite in the near future.

**Have a lovely weekend all.**

**The Year 1 team 😊**