



Year One Newsletter
Week Beginning: 14th March
Topic: Unique UK
End of Topic Question:



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

What's Happening Next Week:	How You Can Help at Home:
<p align="center"><u>English</u></p> <p>This week we will be heading to Wales, as we continue to discover and explore the 4 countries which make up the UK!</p> <p>We will use the dragon on the Welsh flag as an entry into our English learning this week, and will discover the beautiful story 'Tell Me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris.</p> <p>Children will explore the illustrations and poetic text in this story and use it to inspire their own dragon characters. They will generate adjectives to describe their dragon and use these to write a character description.</p> <p>At the end of the week they will write their sentences up in neat, working on letter formation. These pieces will then be published into a class version of the book for our reading corners!</p> <div data-bbox="145 1554 475 1771" data-label="Image"></div> <div data-bbox="491 1491 798 1897" data-label="Image"></div>	<p>Look through the gallery and discover Wales! What photographs do you like? Can you discover more about Wales, using this photo as an entry to your research?!</p> <p>Why not make a poster to share with your class?! Your teachers and peers would love to learn more about Wales with the help of your home learning!</p> <p>https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/wales</p> <div data-bbox="858 1115 1477 1733" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>Look through the gallery and see if you can spot the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiff Castle • The Welsh coast • Cymru and the Welsh flag • The Brecon Beacons • Llangollen in North Wales • Coastal cliffs in Wales • The Welsh flag • Caernarfon Castle • Mermaid Quay in Cardiff Bay • Cŵm Gwyn in Pembrokeshire • The seaside town of Tenby • Caerphilly Castle • Llandudno • Craig Goch Dam • A steam locomotive in Wales • The Welsh name for Strzedon & Yr Wyddfa • A Welsh village <p>Gallery</p> </div>

Phonics

This weeks phonics will mostly be discovering *another* phoneme for the grapheme ear (**ur**) and that tricky silent **'w'**!



/ur/ sound written as 'ear' like in: **learn**
/r/ written as 'wr' like in: **wrist**

Revise some tricky new sounds your child learned last week!

/ear/ making the air sound like in...
bear, pear, hair

How many words with the **ear** spelling, but making the **air** sound can you find in the books you read this weekend?

Or perhaps your adult can write and hide some of these words around the house for you to go on an alternative spelling hunt!

Maths – Counting in 2s and 5s

Next week we'll working on counting in 2s and 5s up to 50. We'll be using objects such as Numicon that are already in 2s or 5s and have the children place them next to each other and changing the total by 2 or 5, counting up from 0 each time to reinforce the patterns.



Can your child count up in 2s and 5s? Start from zero and count out loud with them. Can you get to 40 in 2s? 100 in 5s? If they find this easy, can they count not starting from zero? Try starting at 12 or 22 for 2 and 15 or 25 for 5.

Science – Life Cycles

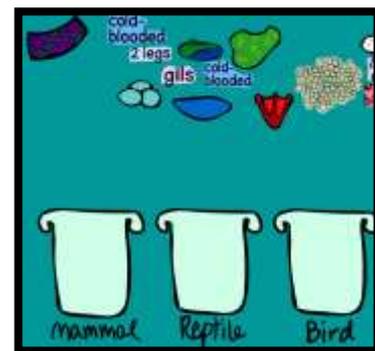
This week we will be continuing with life cycles.

The children will be creating a life cycle for the school ducklings. Some of the pictures used as we make our life cycle will be images the children have taken themselves.

As part of Science Week this week we will also carry out a SUPER SCIENCE investigation! We will be seeing if we can get water to move from one cup to another without touching the cups or pouring the water. Keep an eye out for some photos of this on Dojo!

Revisit the classes of animals and their features with this fun game.

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/science/animals/games/animal-characteristics/>



Art – Painting our dragon eyes

The children will continue their project of making a dragon eye out of clay. Last week they explored made their dragon eyes out of clay and added their patterns. This week they will paint and glaze their dragon eyes.



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 – Wales

We will continue to learn about the UK and the four countries that form it. This week we will focus on Wales in our geography lesson. We will learn a whole host of facts about the country we live in – its' capital city, its' flag, the size of its' population, the surrounding seas, landmarks it contains and more. The children will use a map of Wales to plot some of its human and physical features onto.

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

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



Computing – Adding an image

Within computing this half term, the children will be creating a poster on a chosen landmark of the UK. Last week they saved a document. This week they will be copying and pasting a photo of their landmark onto their document.

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.

The ducks will still be with us this week and the children will have the chance to visit and hold them if they would like.

Have a lovely weekend all.

The Year 1 team 😊