



Year One Newsletter  
Week Beginning: 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Topic: Unique UK  
End of Topic Question:



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

A busy first week back!

We'll be heading to Ladywell Fields for our Winter Nature Walk and up to London for our landmark spotting walk on Thursday.

What's Happening Next Week:	How You Can Help at Home:
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p>This week the children will be introduced to their new topic: Unique UK! During the first week we will be focussing on London.</p> <p>We will be reading a wonderful story called – Katie Goes to London. It is all about a girl who sees the sights of London alongside her brother and a Trafalgar Square lion. The children will be writing sentences to say what Katie saw during her city adventure.</p>  <p>The day after our own London landmark trip the children will be writing about what their favourite landmark is and why!</p>	<p>Try to spot some London landmarks yourself over half term! Send any photographs in of any you have spotted! They could be photos from close up or from far away!</p> <p>Or if you don't manage to get out and about perhaps you could safely use the internet with your child to find pictures of some!</p> <p>We'll be focusing a lot on these landmarks this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Big Ben  St Pauls Cathedral  The Tower of London  Tower Bridge  Buckingham Palace</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Phonics</u></p> <p>This week, we will be learning...</p> <p>/ur/ or – like work  /oo/ u oul – like awful and could  /air/ are – like share</p> 	<p>New tricky words that you can learn spelling at home are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">oh – their - once - our - laugh</p>

### Maths – Subtraction

This week in maths we will be continuing to develop our subtraction skills. The children will be solving word problems, finding the difference and identifying related facts.

There are 13 toys in a box.

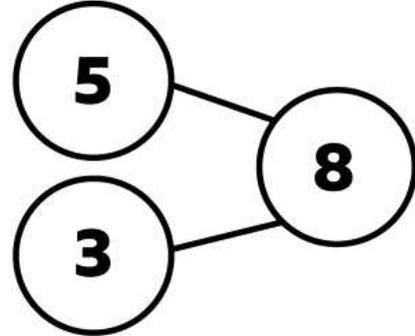
Ann takes some toys out of the box.

There are 5 toys left in the box.

How many toys does Ann take out of the box?



Can your child identify the 4 subtraction and 4 addition number sentences from this part whole model? Remember the number sentences should be made up of the same numbers and the = sign doesn't always have to be the final sign!



### Science – Ladywell Walk

We'll be seeing how the trees we started observing in the autumn have changed now we're in winter.



Head out on a nature walk over half term. What can your child notice about the plants and trees they see? They could do some observational drawings if it's not too cold.

### Art – Dragon Eye Design

This half term's 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 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 whose 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 – London Walk

We'll be helping to kickstart our Unique UK topic by seeing just how many famous London landmarks we can spot. We'll be paying close attention to the statues too. How many will be celebrating women?



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://www.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 20th.

The Year 1 team 😊