



Year One Newsletter

Week Beginning: 13th March

Topic: Unique UK



End of Topic Question:

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

It is Science Week next week. We will do lots of Science themed activities. Look out for updates on Dojo.

There will be Den building and bulb planting with Zara on Monday and Wednesday next week!

The ducks will arrive on Tuesday.

Comic Relief is on Friday! Wear Red!

What's Happening Next Week:	How You Can Help at Home:
<p data-bbox="427 1234 539 1272" style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1323 802 1435">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 data-bbox="161 1480 807 1630">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 data-bbox="150 1675 818 1865">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 data-bbox="154 1910 813 1980">At the end of the week they will write their sentences up in neat, working on letter formation.</p>	<p data-bbox="847 1272 1469 1422">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 data-bbox="847 1467 1449 1617">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 data-bbox="847 1662 1430 1731">https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/wales</p>

These pieces will then be published into a class version of the book for our reading corners!



Look through the gallery and see if you can spot the following:

- 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
- Cŵgwyn in Pembrokeshire
- The seaside towns of Tenby
- Caerphilly Castle
- Llandudno
- Craig Goch Dam
- A steam locomotive in Wales
- The Welsh name for Strisledon & Yr Wyddfa
- A Welsh village

Gallery



Phonics

This week's 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 – Length and Weight

We'll be finishing off Place Value to 50 earlier in the week, then we'll be introducing the children to length and height next week. First off, we'll be comparing objects' lengths, before measuring them with cubes and then later in the week, with rulers.

Are you doing any cooking this weekend that requires measuring using scales? Explain to your child how much of each ingredient you need and watch the total on the scale go up as the ingredients are added.

Are you doing any measuring of length or height this weekend? OK, we admit this is a lot less likely, so why not have your child measure objects around your house with a ruler. They could write down the object's name and its length in CMs. Sending in any measuring pics through Dojo!



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 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 – its capital city, its flag, the size of its population, the surrounding seas, landmarks it contains and more. The children will record what they've learnt into a Wales fact file.

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



PSHE – How Families Can Keep You Safe

We'll be using the classic 'Not Now Bernard' as a springboard into thinking about how our families can help us keep safe and how the children can make it easier for their families to achieve this.



How many different ways can your child think of that you keep them safe? Crossing the road? Making sure they don't get their hands on sharp kitchen equipment? Keep eeire strangers away? Big dogs? How can they help you to help keep them safe? By doing good listening? By not rifling through the knjfe draw?

They could design a small poster to let their classmates know how to keep themselves safe.

Have a lovely weekend all.

The Year 1 team 😊