



Week beginning: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

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## Our Year 1 Learning Pathway

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Y1 learning pathway of this year. We are always happy to support in any way we can, so if you have any questions or concerns please write a note in the communication book or send your child's class teacher an email (see addresses below). However, if you have any concerns that you do not want to raise with the class teacher please email our Head of Year, Ms. Brittany Everett.

It is very warm, please ensure your child brings a hat and water bottle to school each day. If your child is not wearing a hat, they will not be able to play outside.

Here are some reminders:

- No nuts of any kind are to be brought into school – this includes peanut butter and nutella.
- No jewellery should be worn on PE days.
- No chocolate in lunchboxes. That means: no nutella, no chocolate pudding/ yoghurt/ milk.
- Please make sure all children's items are labelled.
- Reading books will be sent home this week, please ensure you are sending your child's reading folder to school on their reading day, so the books can be changed. It would be useful if they had their reading book in school every day to encourage independent reading.
- Spelling tests will begin after October half term.
- Homework will be sent out weekly, the week beginning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- Please check the School website and communication book every day - there will be some helpful information and some things that we may need from you as parents.

If you need to talk to us, please feel free to e-mail us.

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## English

This week the children will learn the difference between fiction and non-fiction. They will be using the non-fiction features by labelling images and objects. They will also be learning the alphabet. We are working hard on our cursive handwriting at the moment so any extra support at home would be appreciated.



## Reading

Reading books will be sent out this week. Weekly readers will continue to be changed by your child's class teacher. Please ensure your child brings their book to school, so it can be changed.

### Prediction Questions with Pip

- Where do you think.... will go next?
- What do you think... will say / do next?
- What do you think this book will be about? Why?
- How do you think that this will end?
- Who do you think has done it?
- What might.... say about that?



## Spelling

Spelling tests will start after October half term. Please encourage your children to practise spelling the common exception words at home.

Below is a list of the common exception words children are expected to be able to spell at the end of Year 1, getting your children to read and write these words regularly will help their progress in both reading and writing.

### Year 1 Common Exception Words

the	is	no	one
a	his	go	once
do	has	so	ask
to	I	by	friend
today	you	my	school
of	your	here	put
said	they	there	push
says	be	where	pull
are	he	love	full
were	me	come	house
was	she	some	our
	we		



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## Maths: Reading, writing and counting numbers to 10

This week, we will be starting a new maths topic on reading, writing and counting numbers to 10. The children will also be learning to count forwards and backwards.

Here is how you could support your child's learning at home:

- Count objects with your children
- Practise correct number formation
- Write the number which matches the amount of objects counted

## Topic: Changes

This week, the children will begin their topic on changes. We will look at the changes of buildings and homes in the UAE. The children will explore how the Burj Khalifa was constructed and how it has changed over a period of time. We will look at the design features of the Burj Khalifa and think about why it is one of the most famous buildings in the world.