



Year 1 Learning Letter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 1st December - Year 1 Dino Day!

Friday 13th November - Our Virtual Showcase video will be sent home.

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner!

Monday 16th - 20th December - Anti-bullying Week (wear odd socks on Monday 16th!)

Thursday 19th December - Last day of term

SPRING TERM - Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Children return to school

Thank you for all of your support last half term. The children have had a fantastic start to the year and we are absolutely delighted with how well they have all settled in to year 1!

STUDENT TEACHERS We are very fortunate to have two student teachers joining us this half term in Year 1. Dominique Spens will be in 1P and Christopher Millwood will be in 1W. They will be with us until February next year.

NEW TOPIC This term, our topic is *Jurassic Park*, where we will be learning all about the prehistoric period, dinosaurs and fossils. We have a non-fiction focus this term, and will be collecting our own facts. Dino Day will also be a great opportunity to explore our topic so please get your child to dress up for some dino-themed fun!

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will continue this half term in all weathers. Please provide your child with a change of clothes because it is getting increasingly muddy in the garden. Thank you.

LITERACY

We will be continuing our research about dinosaurs and learning about the features of information texts. We will also be beginning to write our own non-fiction texts using simple and compound sentences, and adjectives.

Author Visit on Zoom!

Next Wednesday, Year 1 will be part of a Zoom meeting with an author. The author will read and discuss the story with the children and hold a Q&A session at the end. The themes in the story touch upon racism and bullying.

This is a link to the book <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08F6Y3TYZ/>

Details of the author: Instagram: @gemichawest

Website: www.gemichawest.com

Facebook Page: Gemicha West Books

MATHS

This term we will be covering:

- Addition and subtraction using the part whole model.
- Fact families: addition facts.
- Number bonds for all numbers to 10.
- Subtraction: counting back, fact families and finding the difference.
- Comparing addition and subtraction statements.

Maths Week England - Sumsdog's Maths Week England runs from 6.11.20 - 12.11.20. Please encourage your child to play this at home.

SCIENCE

Animals - children will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Children will also be identifying and naming a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

PHSE

This half term, Year 1 will be focusing on 'Growing and Changing'. In light of the current situation, we will be sending a *Wellbeing Journal* for your child to complete at home. This is optional and can be used at any time convenient for your child.

PTA The PTA is raising money for year groups this year. Any money raised for Year 1 will be spent on new books for the book corners and on resources to support learning through play. Thank you in advance for your support.

THE YEAR 1 TEAM