



Messages from the Year 1 Team:

Mrs Monson: Hello again everyone! I hope you've been making the most of the gorgeous weather this week and that you're all doing well. A reminder to please continue to email me with photos of your work or just to let me know how you're doing! Take care!

Mrs O'Donnell: Dear Year 1, thank you for doing the sunshine dance! Much better than the rain dance last week. Have fun!

Mrs Lewis: Hello Year 1, I hope you are enjoying the sunshine, miss you all!

Miss Moore: Hello Year 1! For my last riddle, the answer was a square. Can you guess this one? I use ink but cannot write. I have 3 hearts. I have 8 legs but I cannot juggle. What am I? I hope you're all okay, missing you all lots!

Mrs Greyling: Hi Year 1, I hope you are all well. This is a little verse that I saw and loved so I thought I'd share it with you: 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind.' Lots of love!

Maths

Like last week, I would like you to collect objects in your house or garden that are the same. They might be lego bricks, stones, pieces of pasta, pencils and pens, anything you have at home. Find 20.

Take 5 objects to make a group. Then find an equal number of the SAME object. Say "My two groups are equal. Double my group of 5 is 10. I have 10 altogether." Repeat with a few other small numbers to 10.

Then draw the two groups you have made for each number and record in different ways.

Eg Double 5 = 5+5.

Two groups of 5 is 10 altogether.

Another way of saying this is two *multiplied* by five equals ten - $2 \times 5 = 10$

Then try using different types of objects. If you have 5 lego bricks and 5 teddies, is there still 10 altogether? Does $2 \times 5 = 10$ still? What about two groups of 5 *different* objects? Have fun exploring doubles!

You can also find worksheets on twinkl.

Additionally, daily live maths lessons which are age appropriate can be found on:

www.iseemaths.com/home-lessons/

whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/

Please join in on one a day!

Writing

Have you been keeping a diary during lockdown? A diary is a really good way of recording what you do every day. This week, I would like you to keep a diary. Write the day and date at the top of each entry, then write "Dear Diary,". Then write down what you did! Remember to use full sentences, to put a capital letter at the start and for any proper nouns you use, and don't forget the full stop at the end of the sentence!

Also remember to use the past tense, and write in the first person – "I" or "We" did something, not he/she/it.

You can choose how much you write each day. You might even want to draw a picture to go underneath your writing. We can't wait to read them!

Remember to keep practising your joined-up writing using the methods you've been taught. You should be able to access our school's handwriting scheme, Letter Join, at home to help you. www.letterjoin.co.uk/





What do you want to be when you grow up? Do you want to work inside or out? Do you want to do something practical, like an electrician, or something where you work in an office, like a lawyer? Do you want to work with people, like a doctor, or with animals, like a zookeeper? There are so many things you could do. Talk to an adult and decide on a few ideas, then write your favourite idea in big letters on a blank piece of paper – you could send me a picture of you holding the paper, or you could tell me what you want to be! I can't wait to see them!

Other learning

This week I'm challenging you to learn to lay a table for dinner! You will need to put the knives, forks and spoons in the correct places, and don't forget people will need cups for drinks. You might also have mats for the plates and the cups. Let me know how you get on.

Daily basic skills and online learning

- Practise your handwriting, using the LetterJoin information and login sent home to help you. 5-10 minutes daily would be ideal!
- Practice your number skills by going on NumBots using the logins that were sent home. If you have lost yours, please email the address listed below for queries.
- Practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. There are a number of very helpful YouTube videos to support you!
- Practice your number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. How quick can you get at matching them? Impress your parents and me by showing me the corresponding cherry and bar models!
- Continue to read books from school and ones that you enjoy. Also please ensure that you read to and with your child **daily**. 15 minutes a day at least is recommended!
- Practice reading and spelling the 100 high frequency words.
- Practice reading and spelling the Year 1 and 2 common exception words.
- Practise your sounds and sound buttons from our phonics lessons often. You can find the Phase 3 and 5 sound mats, as well as numerous phonics activities, on the Twinkl website.

Do not forget to use our every time we write rules:

- Say it before you write it/use your phonics
- Every letter sits on the line
- Use capital letters, finger spaces and punctuation
- Ensure you form your letters properly

Websites:

Email address for queries about logins/sharing photos of home learning:

year1@lea-pri.herts.sch.uk

- Reading Eggs – in addition to your own reading for enjoyment, there are comprehensions, spelling games and books to read on here. Your child should have their login information in their reading record. <https://readingeggs.co.uk/>
- Phonics Play – <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk> While schools are closed, you will be able to access all the phonics games and resources on this website. Use the following to log in:

Username: march20

Password: home

When you have logged on, click on 'Resources' and then Phase 2, 3, 4 or 5 for Year 1 children.



We've used this website a lot in our phonics lessons so the children should recognise which activities and games we've played!

- Numbots <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>
- Education City – there will be a selection of tasks set for Maths and English, with Learn It sections to support some concepts if you need them. There are downloadable worksheets, too, to print out and try. There are lots of different games and activities on this site, so explore, learn and have fun! <https://ec1.educationcity.com>
- Fitter Futures subscription – we have a short-term access to a fitness website aimed at schoolchildren. This has workouts you can do at home and mental health and well-being activities you can try. <https://app.fitterfuture.com/student/auth/login>
- LetterJoin <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/>
- Twinkl – parents can use this free from home for a month to support learning at home. A login offer code will be shared with your parents as soon as possible



Sunflowers by Vincent Van Gogh 1887

