

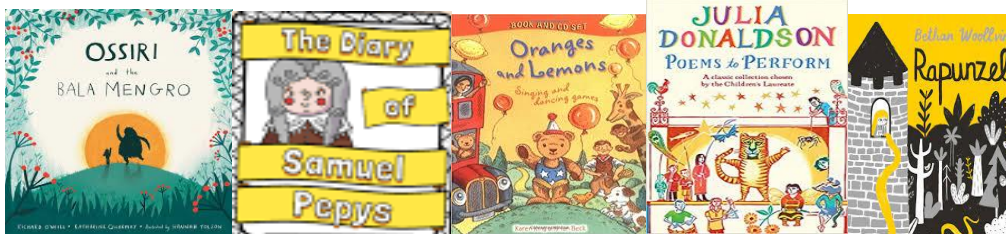


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## History Detectives



### Year 1 Topic Letter - Summer Term

(April 2022)

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to this final term of Y1!

I am very excited to begin our History-based Summer topic, **History Detectives**. In the weeks to come, we will be exploring a variety of high-quality texts relating to historical **events, figures and lifestyles**, including **Ossiri and the Bala Mengro** and **Rapunzel**. We will also be reading a variety of **Traditional Tales and Twisted Tales**, as well as poems, rhymes, songs and biographies throughout the term, using these to explore connections between past and present as well as to provide starting points for different curriculum subjects.



In **Science**, we will continue studying the seasons, linking this to learning on weather patterns (**Geography**), as well as moving on to identifying, observing and evaluating **Everyday Materials**. This knowledge will support us in this term's **Art** and **DT** projects, which will involve planning, designing and making instruments, toys and our very own Class Time Capsule from recycled products! Our Science learning will also inform our **History** learning as we investigate the Great Fire of London, which will be accompanied by an exploration of the life and writings of Samuel Pepys. We will also explore the lives of other significant historical figures on our journey, including Marvellous **Mary Anning (STEAM)** and Amazing **Ada Lovelace (STEAM)**. Closer to home, our journey through times past will involve the children interviewing the important adults in their lives about their childhoods, which will link to our toy project and our English learning on rhymes and songs from playgrounds past!





## Maths

In Maths we will continue to be Maths Detectives, following the **National Curriculum** using the **Mastery** approach. We will focus on key Big Ideas and the children will have lots of opportunities to apply and develop their mathematical language, fluency and understanding as well as to solve problems and extend their reasoning skills.



## Reading

We will continue to read multiple texts in class daily, with a combination of whole-class, shared, guided and individual reading. As usual, I will read formally with your child once every week in their **Guided Reading (GR)** group, during which their GR/Phonics book will be changed. Please note that the **children must have their Book Bags in school every day.** It is crucial at this stage in your child's development that they read regularly, at school and at home. As such, please **read to and with your child on a daily basis and write an accompanying short note in their Reading Record/Phonics Log,** which the children should bring to class every day in their Book Bag.



## Phonics

Phonics will be taught in class **daily** with observational assessment.



## P.E.

This term, we have **P.E. every Monday** with fabulous Coach Keeley and **every Tuesday** with the coaches from Arsenal! On these day, **children should wear trainers and comfortable clothing in which they can easily move.**



# Supporting Your Child's Learning



## Literacy

- Read **every night** to and/or with your child for **at least 15 minutes**.
- Encourage writing wherever possible. A special writing book and pens can help with motivation as can writing for real-life purposes (eg: shopping lists, postcards, lists etc.) Whilst still keeping it fun, please help your child to write in clear sentences with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.



- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>
- [phonicsplay.co.uk](https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)
- [phonicsbloom.com](https://www.phonicsbloom.com)
- [wordsforlife.org.uk](https://www.wordsforlife.org.uk)
- [lovelybooks.co.uk](https://www.lovelybooks.co.uk)
- [childrens.poetryarchive.org](https://www.childrens.poetryarchive.org)
- [teachhandwriting.co.uk](https://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk)
- <https://www.busythings.co.uk> (individual username and password required - see Ms Coulter)
- <https://discoveryeducation.co.uk> (Espresso = username: student21013/password: fleetp)



## Maths

- Help your child to learn all Number Bonds to 10.
- Help your child to tell the time by knowing o'clock and half past and to relate times on clocks and watches to daily routines.
- Working with measures supports many areas of Maths (eg: help your child to add small totals of money, calculate change, measure ingredients when cooking or baking etc.)



- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>
- [mathsathome.lgfl.org.uk](https://mathsathome.lgfl.org.uk)
- [nationalnumeracy.org.uk](https://nationalnumeracy.org.uk)
- [ictgames.co.uk](https://ictgames.co.uk)
- [primarygames.com](https://primarygames.com)
- [www.topmarks.co.uk](https://www.topmarks.co.uk)
- [uk.mathletics.com](https://uk.mathletics.com) (individual username and password required - see Ms Coulter)
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## Topic Snapshot



The Topic Snapshot attached to this letter is an introduction to the **key learning** throughout the term. Please **read and discuss this with your child and help them to become familiar with the vocabulary etc.**

## Class Trips

Class trips this term will include a combination of **in-school sessions and trips outside of school.** Where TBC is stated, I shall provide details in advance of the session/trip when it has been confirmed. **We will need some adult volunteers** to help support us on these trips if you have the time.



## Important Dates

London Central Mosque ICCUK - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Half Term - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
History off the Page - TBC  
Class Tea - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Class Assembly - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Final Day of Summer Term - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



We hope you will become as enthused as we are about our new topic! If you, or someone you know, would be **willing to speak to the children** (virtually, obviously!) **on any area related to our Topic** then please do let me know.



Finally, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me ([admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk) FAO Ms Coulter/Y1). Here's to a happy and successful first term!

**Karen Coulter**  
**Y1 Class Teacher**