

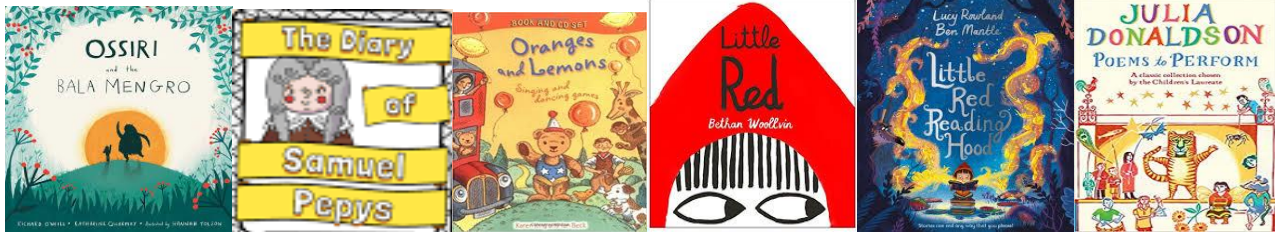


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History Detectives



Year 1 Topic Letter - Summer Term

(April 2021)

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to this new term, our final one in Y1! Where has the time gone?!

The children have returned as enthused and eager as ever to learn and we have made an exciting start to 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 the *Diary of Samuel Pepys*. 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 (**English**). 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

We will continue to be Maths Detectives in Y1 this term, investigating mathematical concepts and language using the **Mastery** approach and focussing on key Big Ideas. The children will have lots of opportunities to apply and develop their fluency as well as their problem solving and reasoning skills.



Reading

We will continue with our Remarkable Reading this term. Please **read to and with your child on a daily basis for 15 minutes** and complete your child's **Reading Record and Phonics Log** regularly.



Phonics

We will continue with our daily Phonics lessons to support us in our reading and writing this term. Our Sassy Sentences are the best they've ever been but we can still always do even better!



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.



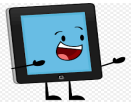


Supporting Your Child's Learning



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, letters 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
- phonicsbloom.com
- wordsforlife.org.uk
- lovelybooks.co.uk
- childrens.poetryarchive.org
- teachhandwriting.co.uk
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Maths

- Help your child to learn all Number Bonds to 20.
- 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, work out change, measure ingredients when cooking or baking etc.)



- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>
- mathsathome.lgfl.org.uk
- nationalnumeracy.org.uk
- ictgames.co.uk
- primarygames.com
- uk.mathletics.com
- <https://ttrockstars.com>
- <https://play.numbots.com>
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Important Dates

Half Term - Friday 28th May

Final Day of Summer Term - Thursday 22nd July



We hope you will become as enthused as I am about our new topic! If you, or someone you know, would be **willing to speak to the children on any area related to our Topic** then please do let me know. Similarly, if you have anything that you think might be interesting to us for our new topic (old coins, old toys etc.) then please do send anything in for the perusal of our History Detectives.



Finally, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me **via email**. Here's to a happy and successful final term of Y1!

Karen Coulter
Y1 Class Teacher