

Things that you can do to help your child with their maths:

In Year 1, we are beginning to compare length and height and be introduced to mass and volume.

- With the people in your house, order yourselves from tallest to shortest.
- Find 3 objects from e.g. your garden. Which object is longer/shorter. How do you know?
Challenge: Find another object that is longer/shorter than the objects you have.
- Measure the lengths of the objects using a non-standard unit of measure, for example cubes, bricks, paper clips or rubbers.
- Find 3 objects in your house, e.g. a cup, book and toy. Order them from heaviest to lightest. Now repeat with 5 objects.
- Can you find something that is small but heavy? Can you find something that is big but light?
- Find 3 different containers in your house. Fill them up and then see how many cupfuls they hold. Which container has the greatest capacity?
- Does the tallest container always hold the most liquid? Do then explain.

As part of this topic, we are learning about the continents. Please encourage your child to name and locate the seven continents; discussing hot and cold places. This could be comparing Africa and Antarctica and presenting their information.

If you have any queries or questions regarding how to support your child with their learning please send an email to year1@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk Thank you for your cooperation.

This half term our topic is **Wonderful Weather.**



During this half term the children are learning about weather. They will use globes and maps to identify hot and cold countries across the world.

During Science, your child will continue to learn about how the weather changes through the seasons in the UK.

Things that you might like to do at home to support your child's topic learning:

- Using paint, create a 'drip' painting to create the look of rain.
- Create a snowy picture.
- Make a rain collector using junk modelling and record rainfall over the weekend.
- Design and label an outfit for a hot day and a cold day.
- Make a collage using hot or cold colours.
- Write about an expedition to e.g. Africa and then the North Pole.

We love reading!

This half term we will continue to explore new authors such as Jane Hissey. We are now learning about Nick Butterworth, in particular, we are going to focus on Percy the Park Keeper books about weather. Videos of these stories can be found on YouTube.

We will continue to visit the library every Tuesday and your child will bring home their Read, Write, Inc. book every Thursday.

Things that you can do to help your child with their writing:

- Encourage your child to write on lines.
- Remind your child how to form the letters correctly and where to position them on the line. For example, the letter g hangs down below the line.
- Encourage your child to use finger spaces in between words.
- Continue to develop your child's fine motor control through activities such as dough disco.
- Write a list of 5 hot countries and 5 cold countries.
- Write a review of the weather for this weekend.
- Write a book review for a story about weather, such as the Percy the park Keeper stories.

Your child has been taught to spell words by sounding them out using their 'Fred fingers'. However, the words below contain tricky sounds that make them difficult to sound out. We call these red words. Please continue to help your child spell the following red words:

by, here, there, where, love, come, some