

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

We will be learning about money and time.

To support your child's learning, encourage them to:

- Recognise coins and notes by looking closely at the different coins and notes.
- Sort money into different piles.
- Talk about the value of coins and notes.
- Allow your child to pay for shopping and count out the money.
- Encourage your child to read receipts and think about how much items cost.

Children need to be able:

- To tell the time using a clock with hands.
- Tell the time to the nearest hour and half hour.
- To help your child with this you could talk about time, discuss what time things happen. For example, what time they wake up, go to bed etc.



- Practise counting to 100.
- Continue to count in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Transition

There will be a whole school transition day where your child will spend the day with their new teacher in Year 2. A date will be confirmed for this closer to the time.

This half term our topic is

Amazing Animals

During this half term, the children are learning about animals, including humans. They will find out about different types of animals, including fish, amphibians, mammals, reptiles and birds and look closely at how they are similar and different.

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:

- Create a collage of a colourful frog.
- Make a bird feeder to hang in the year 1 outdoor area.
- Research why chameleons change colour.
- Visit Queens Park and see what kind of animals you can find there. Record your findings.
- Find out and research a list of 5 omnivores, 5 herbivores and 5 carnivores.

We love reading!

This half term we will continue to explore new authors such as Eric Carle. We will also be reading a range of non-fiction books about animals during our reading for pleasure time and reading lessons. Please keep reading your Read, Write, Inc book. too. Your child should read this to you.

The KS1 library is also open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3.15pm - 3.30pm.

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

- Encourage your child to write on lines using a tripod grasp.
- Remind your child how to form the letters correctly and where to position them on the line. For example, the letter y hangs down below the line.
- Encourage your child to use finger spaces in between words.
- Support your child to write short sentences to form a narrative.
- Create a fact file all about your favourite animal.
- Practise writing our Year 1 high frequency spelling words independently e.g.

the, of, said, was, come, you, your, be,
they once, friend, school, house, our,
were, today

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.