



'Being Better Every Day'

Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 2

We are excited to share our second curriculum newsletter of the school year.

In **Term 2**, our unit title remains 'A Toy Story' but with a geography focus on **'The United Kingdom'**.



'This project teaches children about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. This geography focus will use images, short videos, maps and photographs to explore many geographical features.'

During this unit, your child will attempt to answer the concept question;

**'What are the main similarities and differences between
the four countries that make up the UK?'**

(We have attached a 'Knowledge Organiser' for this unit, providing an overview of the unit; this should be a useful resource for pupils and parents.)

Curriculum Project

For each unit, we ask that every child completes a home learning project that can be brought into school.

For this unit, your child could:

- Draw and label a simple map of the UK
- Create a 3D map, making each country a different colour, adding labels
- Create a fact file: write different facts about England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland

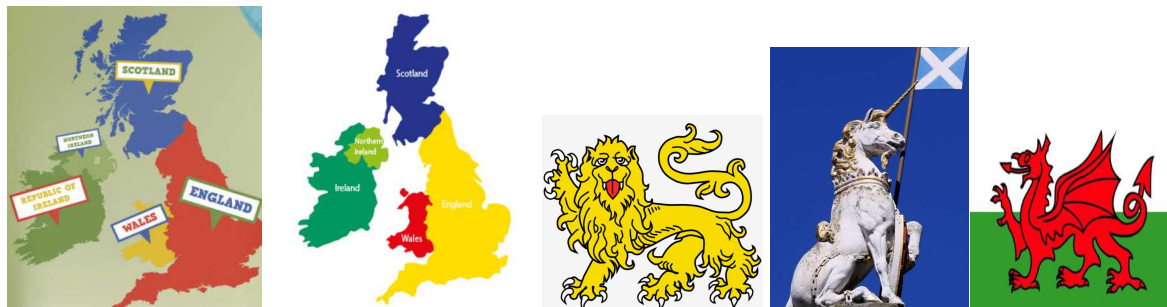
Draw or create-

- a lion to represent England
- a unicorn to represent Scotland

- a dragon to represent Wales

Images

Below are some images to inspire your home-school projects:



We have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

Useful Websites:

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/uk-facts.html> (UK facts UK)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bGohUJy8WY> (UK mini fantastic facts video)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvDIZoQLgIE> (UK song)

Home learning projects should be completed by the **week beginning Monday 9th of December**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

Reading

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn and we expect every child to read at home every day. **In Year 1, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of 10 minutes every day.** Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's **reading record**.

PE

This term, our PE lesson will remain on **Monday** afternoons. Your child should wear their PE kit to school. As our lessons may sometimes be outside and the weather is turning colder, please consider black jogging bottoms rather than PE shorts. Please send your child in wearing the school PE kit with a school jumper and not hoodies or football PE kits.

Yours sincerely,

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Miss S. Clark

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