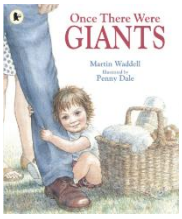
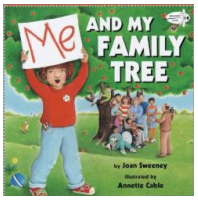
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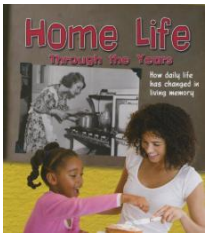
Welcome to Year One and our termly newsletter! We are hoping that this will provide you with useful information to assist you and your child as we journey through each school term.

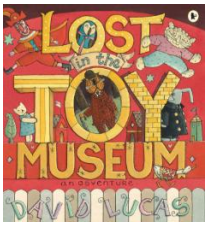
Termly Topic

Our topic this term is 'Childhood' where this theme is threaded through many of our subjects but primarily English and History. We have chosen a rich mix of stories, nonfiction texts, biographies and riddles to spark imagination and inspire curiosity (a selection shown below). These will not only deepen their understanding of childhood but also help develop their speaking and writing skills as they experiment with different styles.











For our history lessons, children will step back in time to discover what life was like growing up in the past. They will explore artefacts, timelines and family trees to see how childhood has changed over the years, from everyday life in the 1950s including shopping, transport and family life and then to the excitement of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953.

Phonics and Reading

Children will continue to develop their phonics knowledge and will participate in daily phonics lessons supported by our Bug Club scheme. Each week, new Bug Club games will be available for your children to play and showcase their new learning so please keep an eye out on your child's account! If you need help accessing Bug Club, please let us know.

We will be reading individually with your children and will assign books very soon. Children will be able to choose a book to take home daily if they choose and also be allocated many wonderful online texts via Bug Club! Again, keep a look out for new allocations!

Developing a love of reading is so important and it opens the doors to new adventures, learning new things and develops a whole host of language skills and vocabulary building. Supporting your child's reading at home is highly encouraged and spending time with books together now will really help your child grow to enjoy them more when they are older. If your child is a 'reluctant' reader, adopt a 'little and often' approach and above all else…make it fun and embrace the quality time spent together.

Maths

We follow a scheme called 'White Rose Maths' and this term we begin with focussing on 'Place Value within 10'. We explore concepts in greater depth to really ensure children are confident using all available resources and have secured the foundational knowledge needed before introducing further units such as 'Addition and Subtraction' which we move onto at the end of Autumn Term One.

If you would like to support your child's learning at home or understand the style of teaching, free downloadable workbooks are available from the following link:

https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads

Alternatively, your child will soon receive a login for an online maths game called 'Numbots'. This does not align with our White Rose Maths programme, however will help your child with recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts in a fun way.



And Finally…

Thank you in advance for your patience at home time as we become familiar with pick up arrangements. To ensure a safe departure from school, we ask children to remain seated at the end of the day and they will only exit the classroom once their name has been called. If your child will be collected by someone different, please ensure you complete the white card to notify us in time. Should you need a new card, do not hesitate to ask.

Please could we politely ask that when picking up that you wait outside the fenced area. This really helps children to be able see their grown-up when they leave the classroom, allows a respectful distance should anyone need to talk with us or vice versa and ultimately reassures us that they have indeed gone home safely with the correct adult.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Croucher, Miss Cockcroft and Mrs Busler

Weekly Routines to note:

- PE Sessions: These are scheduled with Coach Mike on a Tuesday (am) and Wednesday (pm) for Autumn term.
- Library Visits: Children will have the opportunity to change their library book each week (the day may vary), so please keep it in their book bag once they are ready for a new one.