



# Banana Island School

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome  
**BACK TO  
SCHOOL**  
*are you ready?!*

Happy New Year! We trust you have had a restful break and that the children are ready and raring to get back to school! Here is an overview of what your child will be learning this half term in the different subject areas.



## The Great Fire of London

### Literacy

Literacy lessons will be fun! This term we will be reading two exciting books - One day on our Planet and Zarraffie's Giraffe to link our Spring term topics:

Retelling stories, Creating a range of information pages and Posters.

Children love animals and they will enjoy reading about life of the little Kangaroo joey in the outback of Australia

Phonics - Phonics lessons will continue to take place four times a week. We will be learning a range of alternative graphemes and pronunciations for phonemes already taught and we will continue to learn to read and spell our reception tricky words and also a range of new tricky words. The children have really enjoyed consolidating their learning of phonics and we are looking forward to this continuing.

### Science

Explore different materials and sort them into groups before writing songs based on their properties!

Consider what it would be like if the tables were made of jelly or the chairs were chocolate! Then recreate the story of the Three little pigs and predict what will happen to their houses.

### Geography

We will continue to develop our understanding of maps and atlases using ICT to support us.

We will learn about the oceans and continents.

### Maths

In maths, the children will begin by returning to addition and subtraction within 20, ensuring they are confident with different styles of calculation. They will be using lots of physical resources to help them really understand what the + - and = really mean and how to work out missing numbers, wherever they appear. We will be ordering numbers, finding one more and one less and consolidating that two-digit numbers are made up of 'tens' and 'ones'.

### Computing

Use technology purposefully

Using paint design DT project, save and retrieve weekly.

### PSHE

In PSHE, the children will learn about keeping themselves safe and managing risk in different situations. They will learn about personal safety, keeping themselves safe in familiar situations and they will learn about people who keep them safe outside their homes.

### History

We introduce the topic by learning all about what the concepts of 'history' and 'the past' actually mean. They will also learn about the main events surrounding the Great Fire of London and will explore how it affected London through lots of drama activities.

Mini Project.

The children will be making a timeline of key events from their own lives.

Arts;

We will be using a variety of materials to design different animals and settings. We will look at how materials can be joined.

### Music

The children will be having lots of fun learning a range of nursery rhymes and action songs. They will learn to sing at the same time as moving to the beat. The children will also listen to a variety of songs from different genres focusing on the themes of family and friendship.

### Religious Education

In R.E, the children will learn about what it means to belong to a church or mosque. They will learn what they might see in a mosque or church building, and what the people do when they go there. They will learn that churches and mosques are special places for the people who go there.