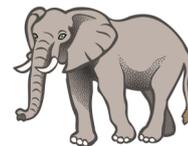
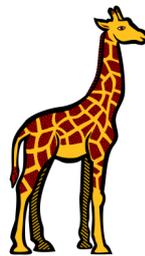


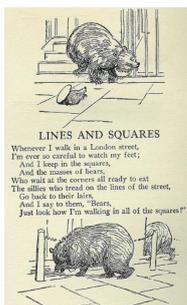
# Year One Spring Term Week 1

## Topic: Community Explorers



**Happy New Year! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas holiday! We are very excited to explore our new topic Community Explorers, starting with a walk around our local area on Thursday the 11th of January.**

### English



To begin our new topic this week we are going to be exploring the poem *Lines and Squares* by A.A Milne . Our final outcome this week will be to recite the poem by heart and with expression.

We will begin the week by reading the poem as a class, noting the expressive language, rhyme and rhythm that the poet uses. As the children become more familiar with the poem we will bring it to life by adding actions and expression.

The children will then be asked to write their own poem using a similar structure to A.A Milne's poem which they will share with the class.

### Maths

#### Diennes



In Maths this week we are going to begin learning about place value. We will be introducing the resource called Diennes to reinforce this concept.

Diennes help children to visualise the number and understand the value that each digit holds. For example: in the number 12, the 1 represents 10 and the 2 represents 2 . This would be represented using one stick of ten and 2 individual cubes of one.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Maths Learning Together Sessions where we will talk to you about the strategies and resources we will be using, including time for you to use the resources with your child. Feedback from families tells us that this session really is very useful. If you can't attend the date/time allocated to your child's class you are welcome to come to any of the others, just let us know so that we can arrange for your child to be there.

### Foundation Subjects



Through art, music, geography and ICT we will be exploring the 7 continents and 5 oceans by using atlases, Google Maps, singing songs and drawing pictures. The children will see where in the world their local community is and learn that the world is made of many Communities, forming one large one. We will discuss the importance of each community's role in impacting on the wider world.

In PE this half term we are very excited to start using the gym apparatus which will help us build our core strength in a variety of different ways.

In RE this week we will continue our study of Christianity focusing on their Sacred Writings.

### Home Learning

Home learning will be inspired by our poetry.

#### Dates for your diary

JANUARY						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

- Thursday January 11th 9:30-10:30- Community Walk.
- Maths Learning Together Sessions:
  - Elephants will be on Tuesday the 30th of January at 9:15.
  - Giraffes will be on Tuesday the 30th of January at 1:40.
  - Zebras will be on Wednesday the 31st of January at 9:15.