

Hi Year 1

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and got to spend some time outside in the sunshine (staying safe of course)!

Maybe you could write a recount of your Easter including how many Easter Eggs you got and what your favourite thing to do was.

You could use:

*Different sentence openers like first, next, then, after that and finally

*Days of the week - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

*Numbers in words - one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

Our new topic is 'Bright Lights, Big City' where we will research all about the City of London. Each week we will set you a challenge to find out about a different landmark in London!

Our first landmark is...Buckingham Palace



It is the Queen's birthday this week too! She actually has two birthdays. Can you find out when they both are?

Find out a bit about the Queen and Buckingham Palace using these links:

<https://www.royal.uk/search?tags%5B0%5D=Buckingham%20Palace>

<https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace>

<https://www.royal.uk/her-majesty-the-queen>

<http://projectbritain.com/calendar/july/buckingham.html>

Then have a go at making one of these:

*A non-fiction booklet on Buckingham Palace

- *A poster with labels about Buckingham Palace
- *A birthday card to the Queen
- *A non-fiction book about the Queen

Some other ideas for you to try:

- *Count how many windows are on the front of Buckingham Palace
- *Build Buckingham Palace (lego, K'Nex, junk modelling, wooden blocks) and be as creative as you like
- *Create your own art piece of Buckingham Palace with either pencils, crayons, paints, finger paints

The staff in Year 1 will have a go and show you their creations!

Listen to the story 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Anthony

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=the+queens+hat&&view=detail&mid=418FB0828ADC867DCFF2418FB0828ADC867DCFF2&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dthe%2520queens%2520hat%26qs%3Dn%26form%3DQBVR%26sp%3D-1%26pq%3Dthe%2520queens%2520hat%26sc%3D8-14%26sk%3D%26cvid%3D73EFA748D4724F3F900DCA39C4E8FB7E>

Once you have listened to it try these:

- *Retell it using pictures and sentences.
- *You could make your own story about where the Queen's hat went.
- *You might change the item of clothing that the Queen loses

In your story writing remember to use:

- *Finger spaces
- *Capital letters for the start of a sentence and names of people and places.
- *Full stops to show the end of a sentence
- *Use -ing, -ed, -er and -est in the spelling of root words (e.g. helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest)

ay  day	ou  cloud	ie  tie	ea  leaf	oy  boy
ir  bird	ue  blue	aw  saw	wh  whale	ph  dolphin
ew  screw	oe  toe	au  haunt	ey  key	
a_e  cake	e_e  athlete	i_e  slide	o_e  bone	u_e  cube

ai ay 	a-e	ee 	ea	ie igh 	y i-e
oa ow 	o-e	ue ew 	u-e	er ir 	ur
or au 	al aw	oi 	oy	ou 	ow

How many of these sounds can you use in your writing?

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h 	r 	m 	d 	g 	o 	u 	l 
f 	b 	ai 	j 	oa 	ie 	ee 	or 
z 	w 	ng 	v 	oo 	y 	x 	ch 
sh 	th 	qu 	ou 	oi 	ue 	er 	ar 

And finally a catch up with the staff...

Mrs Crawford-Brown has been working at home and spending time with Darcey, she has been building dens using rope and bedsheets, having picnics in the garden, she made some laminated rainbow butterflies to brighten up the lounge. Darcey has been painting using watercolours, she played with playdough for the first time and has enjoyed water play outside. Being a first time Mummy, Mrs Crawford-Brown has not got many toys for outside and would have spent this summer getting things so she wanted you all to know that she is having to think creatively about what she can use. For water play Darcey has used an old plastic storage box and measuring jugs from the kitchen to play with.

Mrs Jones has been spending time with Mr Jones and Louie. They are having picnics in the garden and enjoying daily walks as a family. Louie has enjoyed playing in the paddling pool and with his new garden toys that he got for his first birthday in February, his favourite is his slide. Louie has enjoyed exploring 'messy play' with sand and jelly and has helped to plant some sunflowers, it got very messy :-). They are having a family competition to see which sunflower will grow the tallest. If you have planted anything at home we would love to see photographs. Louie enjoyed his Easter egg hunt in the garden and loved his Peter Rabbit teddy. We hope you have all had a lovely Easter and we are missing you all. Stay safe and keep smiling Year 1.

Mrs Mercer has been chatting to Mrs Wiley on the phone and we both miss you. Mrs Wiley is going for long walks in the sunshine and Mrs Mercer loves playing in the garden. We have the paddling pool out and chalk mazes for each other on the floor.



We also created a rock family using pens and eye stickers!
Can you guess where Mrs Wiley went for a walk today?

