Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers.

This half term is all about our school value 'Be brave'.
Please follow us on X @GCPSYear1 to continue to see your child's learning.

Best wishes.

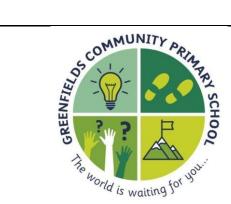
Mrs Armer and Mrs Foster

In **Science** we are going to be investigating **Everyday materials** We will:

- -Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.
- -Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock
- -Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials
- -Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties

In Geography we are learning to;

- Find where we live on a map.
- Understand what countries make up the United Kingdom.
- Compare cities and countryside.
- Discuss how the houses and opportunities might be different depending on where you live.
- Answer the question "If you had the freedom to choose where you live; would you pick the city, the countryside or the beach?"



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In **English** we will;

- Read the stories of "On the way home" and "Meerkat Mail"
- Know stories and plot features off by heart.
- Identify rhyming words.
- Become more familiar with capital letters and how to use them
- Use full stops at the end of sentences.
- Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding.
- Sequence sentences to form short narratives

...be brave...

~ confront your fears and take a chance... mistakes are the best lessons ~

This is shown by the footsteps; this will remind you to be brave in your choices. You have to make a mistake sometimes to know how to make things right next time.

In Maths we are learning to:

- Compare, describe and solve practical problems for height, weight and capacity.
- Recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins;
 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p.
- Compare and sort common 2D and 3D shapes and everyday objects.
- Recognise and create repeating patterns with objects and with shapes.

In Computing we are;

- Using technology to sort and compare minibeasts.
- Gathering and presenting data.
- Opening digital files, adding a picture and saving a document.
- Conducting an image search.
- Using technology safely.
- Using a microphone to record a narration.

In **RE** we are learning how to;

- Identify some ways Christians celebrate Christmas and Easter and some ways a festival is celebrated in another religion.
- Talk about ways that Jesus is a special person who Christians believe is the Son of God.
- Identify similarities and differences between the celebrations studied.

In **Music** we are going to:

- Look at pitch and how different notes sound on a range of instruments.
- Understand music specific vocabulary - children will know pulse, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, pitch.
- Compose our own piece of music.

In PSHE we will be;

- Talking about which groups we belong to.
- Thinking about ourselves and others.
- Discussing our families and who we live with.