



### YEAR 1

September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new year. The children have already settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetables.

#### **Our Topic**

*Term 1: Amazing me!*

Our topic this term is 'Amazing Me' where we will be discussing memories, the human body and our surroundings. Early in the term, we will be looking at changes within living memory.

#### **Maths and English**

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: *number and place value, addition and subtraction, properties of shapes and measurements of lengths and heights.*

In order to support your child, you could practise recognition of numbers of 20, number formation and simple additions to 10 using concrete objects. Please find attached a number recognition game to support your child's mathematical development. Don't forget to tell us if you are the winner!

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the: *two times table*. In order to support your child, you could access 'Hit the button', a website designed to support recognition of the times tables. Supporting this, you can also access the read, say, cover, write, check grids to practise the two times tables on the school's website.

In English, we will be learning about: *labels and captions, traditional tales, sense poems, recounts, patterned stories, familiar settings and information texts.*

The traditional tale we will be focusing on this term is The Three Little Pigs. In order to support your child's understanding of this story, it would be beneficial if they could access it prior to the learning. The local library is a useful resource to access and sharing the

story of The Three Little Pigs together will enhance your child's learning greatly.

As part of our topic, Amazing Me, it would be greatly beneficial for your child to continue identifying and labelling various body parts. Please find attached an activity based on The Three Little Pigs. Follow the instructions to identify the correct body parts needed to create their own pig, whilst also consolidating their understanding of 2D shapes.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

#### **PE**

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

#### **Homework**

Homework is set on a Wednesday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly

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maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

*Miss Watson and Miss Temperton*  
Year 1 Class Teachers

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

*Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:*

- **Visit** the library to research the body and the park to experiment with what your body can do.
- **Useful websites:**  
Phonics - <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/what-is-letters-and-sounds.html>  
Maths - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>  
Science - <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82>
- **Things to make:**
  - Maths – number recognition board game (attached)
  - The Three Little Pigs craft activity – (instructions attached overleaf)





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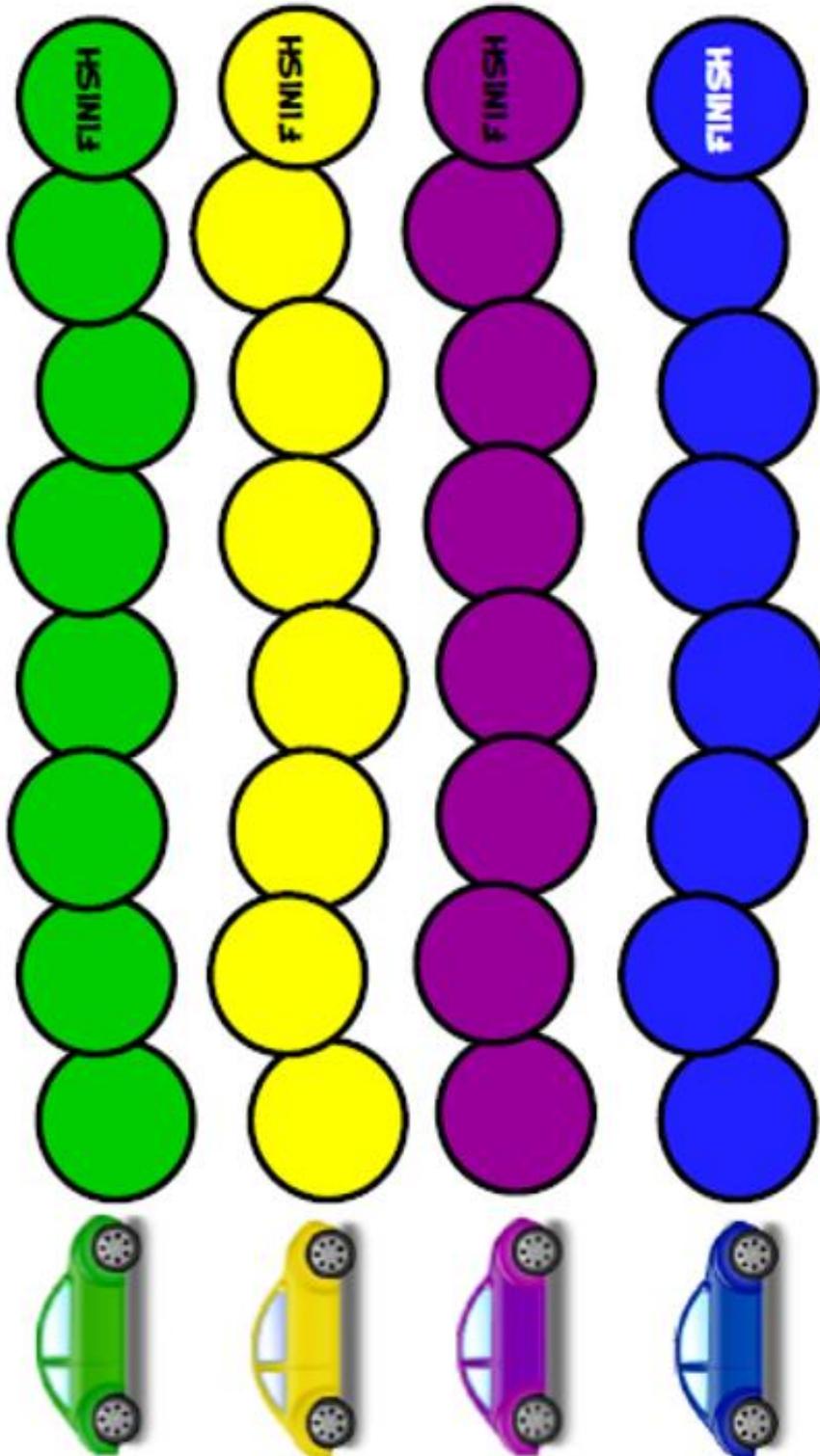




# RACING CARS

a game for 2-4 players

Spread out the chosen cards face down beside the Game Board.  
Each player chooses a car and puts a marker on it.  
Each player turns over a card and says the number. Decide who has the largest number. The player with the largest number moves their counter to the next space. Return the cards and mix them up. Repeat until one player reaches the FINISH.





### The Three Little Pigs body part activity

Follow these instructions to make a pig of your own!

#### What you will need:

- Paper plate
- Pink paper/card
- Black felt tip pen
- Pipe cleaner/string
- Scissors
- Glue

1. Get a **circular** paper plate to use as a **face**.
2. Cut out **two triangles** for **ears**.
3. Cut out **four rectangles** to use as **legs**.
4. Cut out a pink **circle** to use as a **nose**.
5. Stick the **two triangles** on top of the pigs **head**.
6. Stick the **four rectangles** around the outside edge of the paper plate to use as **legs**.
7. Stick your pipe cleaner onto the back as a **tail**.
8. Use a black felt tip pen to draw on **two eyes** and a **nose**.
9. Name your pig!

