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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary **Year 1** pupils,

Each term, we send you a letter to let you know what your child will be learning about in each subject. This term, Year 1 will be learning about **Significant Sports Stars** in their **History** lessons. They will continue to develop their historical skills through learning about the lives and achievements of the athletes Jesse Owens and Ellie Simmonds, including typical days in their lives. They will learn about the key changes and developments in sport from 1936 to the present, and will learn all about how the Olympics evolved!

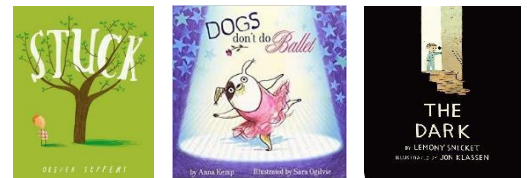


A knowledge organiser, sharing all of the information that the children will learn about in their History lessons, is attached below. Please feel free to use this with your child to develop their knowledge and understanding at home.



In **Science**, the children will be learning all about light by observing candles, identifying light sources and experimenting with shadows. They will also be exploring sound and how it is used in celebrations through music.

In **English**, the children will be learning about the texts 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers and 'I Love Bugs' by Emma Dodd. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, they will be studying 'Dogs Don't Do Ballet' by Anna Kemp and 'The Dark' by



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Lemony Snicket.

In **Maths**, children will learn about multiplication and division, where they will count in multiples of two, five and ten. They will learn to read and write numbers to 100 in numerals. Also, the children will study fractions, where they will be able to identify a half and a quarter. Finally, they will study position and direction, which will consist of exploring whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns.



In **RE**, the children will explore the question 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' and in **SMSC** (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) the children will learn about 'Being My Best'.

In **Computing** lessons, the children will complete a unit called 'Digital Writing' where they will develop their keyboard skills. The children will learn to adjust the font, size and colour of text, as well as copy and paste text and images.



In **Art**, they will be completing a sculpture and 3D unit consisting of creating various shapes out of paper. The unit will conclude with producing a paper sculpture based on the Olympics.

This term, **PE** will be on Tuesday and children can wear their PE kit to school.

If you ever have any questions about your child's learning, please speak to their class teacher or email year1@marineacademy.org.uk. We are really looking forward to another great term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

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Year 1 Term 5 Significant Sports Stars

Timeline of Year 1 History Learning

65-230 million years ago Dinosaurs Existed	3000-5000 years ago Ancient Egypt	2,800 years ago Ancient Olympic Games began	1896 Modern Olympic Games began	1924 First Winter Olympic Games	1960 First Paralympic Games	2020 Life Today
						
Ellie Simmonds Paralympic Swimmer	Esse Simmonds Paralympic Swimmer	Jesse Owens Olympic Sprinter and Long Jumper				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born with dwarfism - her bones didn't grow properly in her arms and legs. First took part in a Paralympics in Beijing in 2008 aged just 13. Won two golds and broke a world record in Beijing 2008. Won two golds, a silver and a bronze in London 2012. Won gold and bronze in Rio 2016 and broke another world record. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First took part in an Olympics in Berlin, 1936. Won four gold medals and became the most successful Olympian at the 1936 games. Proved Hitler wrong about people who don't have blond hair, blue eyes and white skin. 	<p>The Olympic Flag Each ring represents an area of the world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue - Europe Yellow - Asia Green - Australasia Black - Africa Red - The Americas 				
Vocabulary						
Ancient Greece	Olympic Games	modern Olympics	athlete	sportswear	Olympian	World record
Ancient Olympics	Paralympics	Olympic spirit	torch relay	equipment	disability	training

