



Welcome to Year 1: Smartest Giants

Who are the adults teaching you next year?

		
Hello, my name is Mr Drew. I am the class teacher. I love reading, going to the gym and playing video games.	Hello, my name is Mrs Goldsmith. I am the class teaching assistant from Monday to Thursday. I love making cards and photography.	Hello, my name is Mrs Nellist. I am the class teaching assistant on Fridays. I love gardening in my allotment and chocolate!

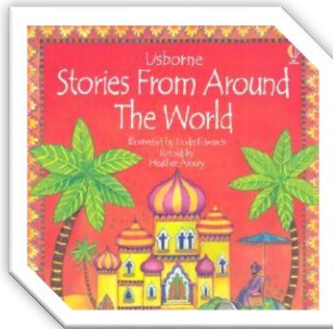
What is the Smartest Giants story about?

Follow the journey of the smartest giant who helps others by giving them parts of his new outfit. How can they ever repay his kindness?



Topics for Year 1

Traditional tales from around the world.



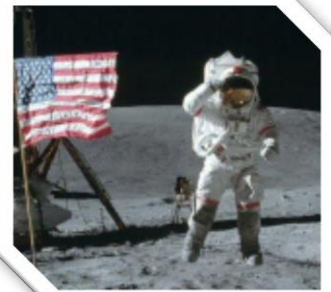
We are going to travel around the world and explore famous stories from different cultures. We will explore myths, legends and fairy tales as we see how stories are similar yet different.

The Great Fire of London



We will be going back in time to explore London in 1666. A great catastrophe is about to unfold and we will need experts to explain what happened and why it happened.

The Moon Landing



*On July 20th 1969 2 humans walked on the moon for the first time. We are going to explore how they did it, who helped them do it, then try to follow in their "leaps." We will be forming **WASA** to travel to the moon.*

A glimpse into the future. Our new school is almost here!



What is the same and what is different in Year 1?

Moving into Year 1 can seem like a big jump up for a 4/5 year old but it's really a lot more of the same kinds of learning to begin with. We will sing, dance, tell stories and listen to funny jokes. We will have creative areas and construction zones, places to read and concentrate and places to laugh and play. We will make lots of things and you will be able to keep them safe and bring them home. Year 1s will continue to have class wide reward parties and the teachers will let you choose what we do. You will be able to be outside to play 3 times a day and you will be able to play with the other Year 1s as well as the Year 2s. Some of you might even start having your baby teeth fall out! Your handwriting will get stronger and you will be able to write a whole page of a story and read it to your friends. You will continue Read, Write, Inc to learn reading and writing, and Big Maths to learn further maths skills answer tricky maths questions instantly.

Ways to get ready for Year 1

- Try to read or listen to a book every day, even if it's for a few minutes. Talk about the book with a grown up. What did you like? What did you learn? What does that word mean? If reading a picture book look at the pictures for clues. If you listen to a book close your eyes and use your imagination. Does the story paint a picture in your mind?
- Be active every day and use your hands. Can you dangle, throw, push and pull? Can you colour in? Write your name? Make a playdough snake? Create something out of boxes or duplo?
- Draw pictures of anything you want and try to put some writing on it. Be proud of your work.
- Can you count and understand to 10 (and beyond) forwards AND backwards?
- Do you know your doubles? Can you double 1? Can you half 10?

As I move to Year 1



The things I enjoy at school are _____



The things I am interested in are _____



The things I would like to get better at are _____

How adults at school can help me _____



Some things I would like you to know about me are

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