



Year 1 Newsletter

**Autumn 1
2021**

News

Welcome to Year 1! It is lovely to welcome you back and we hope you are all well and keeping safe. We have a half term full of exciting and challenging learning experiences. There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' video, which will be available on the school website to give you the opportunity to see your child's teacher and for you to become aware of the Year 1 expectations.

Literacy

This term, the children will be focussing on two stories: **Stickman by Julia Donaldson** and **Now now Bernard by David Mckee**.

Children will be:

- *Using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their writing.
- *Identifying and describing characters and settings.
- *Role-playing the stories.
- *Writing their own version of the stories.

How can you help your child at home?

In order to help your child at home, you can encourage them to practise their handwriting and learn the Year 1 common exception words/ high frequency words which will be sent home.

Useful website: <http://www.ictgames.com>

Science

The Human body

This half-term our topic is the human body. We will start to learn about the parts of the body, the five senses of the body and the parts of the body the senses are linked to.

Seasons

The children will be observing, describing and recording the changes in the weather over time.

Computing

Online safety and Technology around us

Children will begin learning how to keep themselves safe online by understanding what personal information is and what they should and should not share. They will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help them.

Art

In this subject area, the children will be learning about the primary colours and will be mixing them. They will be learning to draw landscapes and nature themed pictures.

History

Toys

In the first half term, children will be learning about Toys from the past and present. They will learn about new and old toys and their similarities and differences.

Useful website:

Every school: <https://www.everyschool.co.uk/history-key-stage-1-toys.html>

The school run: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/history-toys>

Maths

Number and place value

Children will be:

- *Counting forwards and backwards from a given number.
- *Identifying one more or one less than a given number.
- *Counting, reading and writing the numbers 1-20 in numerals and words.

2D and 3D shapes

Children will be:

- *Recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes.

Useful websites:

Place value: <https://www.mathsisfun.com/>

2D and 3D shapes games: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjv39j6>

Music

Music will be delivered by a Brent schools music teacher who will be focussing on rhythm skills and rhyming patterns.

PSHE

Children will learn about well being in the first half term and they will be discussing their mental well being and learning how to stay safe.

P.E

P.E lessons will be taught by a specialist P.E teacher. The children will explore simple movement patterns such as jumping, hopping, side stepping and crouching.

Please ensure your child **comes in to school dressed in their P.E kits every Wednesday and Friday**.

Thank you from the Year 1 Team. Please note that morning drop off to school is from 8.35am until 8:50am.

Miss Ramji (1W) Mrs Hussain (1P) Mrs Nagda (1S) Miss Patel (1F)



Year 1 Topic Home Learning Autumn 1

Please choose at least one of the KS1 challenges to complete.

Science-Autumn selfie!

Try to visit a local park or go for a short walk.
Do you notice what colour the leaves are in Autumn and what type of clothing people wear?

Can you take a picture of some trees, leaves or animals that you may see in Autumn?

Please bring this photograph into school, we would love to see them!



Toys!

One of our topics in History will be about toys. Why not get started by writing about your own favourite toy that you play with at home.

Don't forget to use:

*A Capital letter

*Finger spaces

*A full stop

Tip: Say your sentence out loud, count the number of words with your fingers and write it down! Use a phonics sound mat to help you.

Literacy-Stories

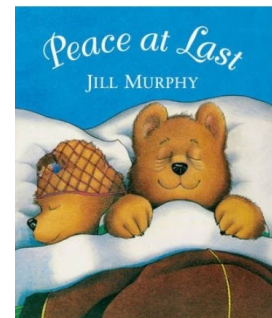
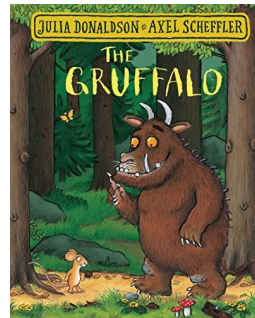
Have you read a good book recently? Tell us all about it!
Draw a picture of your favourite part of the book and write a matching sentence!

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Compulsory Homework— Each week

Reading

Reading books will be changed **every Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Please ensure your child's reading record is **signed** to show that you have read with your child. Books will not be changed unless their reading record is signed.

Spellings

Spellings will be given **every Tuesday** and children will be tested the **following Monday**. The phonics sounds that they are learning in class will be highlighted in red.

Maths and Phonics homework

Your child will be given phonics and numeracy homework in their red homework books **every Friday**. The homework will need to be handed in on the following **Wednesday**. Please encourage the children to do their homework independently and guide them if they need support.