



# Birchwood Avenue Primary School

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## Year 1 Class Autumn Newsletter

A very warm welcome to all of our parents and carers of children in Year One. I am looking forward to meeting you all and supporting the children during their time in Attenborough Class.

### Year One team

Class Teacher –Miss Joseph.

Mrs Kiely – TA. Mrs Chalk - TA

### PE

Our **PE days** this term are **Thursday and Friday**. It would be helpful if all PE kits are sent to school at the beginning of each week. It is advised that children wear trainers for PE, which are much more supportive than plimsolls. In PE this term, the children will be developing their fundamental skills through controlling their large and small movements, moving in a controlled range of ways and navigating space. In dance, they will be exploring the dynamics of movement through gestures and travelling.

### Phonics and English

In phonics, the children will work in small groups each day with an adult. Children will learn new sounds, letter formation, and learn how to blend sounds together in order to read and spell words. They will build on this by learning how to write sentences using the correct punctuation. A Year One writer should be able to compose sentences, use capital letters and full stops, and use joining words such as *and*. They should also be able to use spelling rules, for example, adding -ing or -ed to words.

### Reading

Children should be able to use their phonic knowledge to decode words and read accurately. They will develop their reading by using the sounds they learn to read books fluently and with more confidence. A Year 1 reader should also be able to talk about the events in books that they read.

### Maths

The focus for maths this term will be number and place value. The children will learn to count accurately from a group of ten and represent numbers in different ways. They will count one more and one less than numbers to ten as well as developing their understanding of addition and subtraction. By the end of Year One, children should be able to read and write numbers to 100 and count in jumps of

2, 5 and 10. They will also be introduced to the concepts of multiplication, division and fractions. Additionally, they will develop their understanding of length, weight, capacity and time.

### Science

This term the children will be finding out about everyday materials and their uses. They will be looking at different objects and thinking about which materials they are made from. The children will also learn about Autumn and Winter and consider the changes that happen throughout the seasons.

### History

Our History unit this term is *Toys in Time*. They will find out about different toys from the past and present. They will learn to categorise and think about the characteristics of different toys they see regularly.

### Geography

Our Geography unit this term is *My Local Area*. They will find out what an aerial map is and use an aerial map of the school grounds to help them investigate and decide which parts of the school grounds they like and which they dislike. Children will learn what is special about their local area and look carefully at human and physical features locally.

### PSHE

We follow the Jigsaw scheme for our PSHE. The children have already learnt about and agreed to the class charter. They have been introduced to the Year One mascot, Jigsaw Jack, and have considered what makes them feel special and safe.

### Art and Design

The children will be working on their drawing skills through mark making. They will explore lines, waves and using different media.

### Design Technology

In Design Technology, the children will be learning about structures and aim to construct windmills. They will be thinking about the design and assembly of their windmill. They will test and evaluate their finished product.

### RE

In RE this term, the topic is the creation story. The children will create something of their choice and discuss why it is important to look after and protect their creation. They will hear the Christian creation story and discuss what happened. Pupils will engage in conversations about what would be pleasing to God to see his followers do.

### Computing

As a school, we use Purple Mash. The children will be focusing on Online Safety, thinking of ways to stay safe while using the internet. They will also be exploring how the interface of Purple Mash works.

### Homework

The children will bring home a phonics reading book each week. This will be linked to the text they are reading in their phonics group. It is important to read with your children for up to 15 minutes a day. This will help them to develop a love of reading which they will carry with them throughout their lives. Each Friday, children will be set a maths task to consolidate their maths learning in class. This will be set via Google Classrooms, but will usually link to the MyMaths website. Please refer to individual letters with login details.

Alongside this will be phonics sounds for the children to practice.

In addition, children will also have five spelling words to practice from the Year 1 spelling list. These are key words that children are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 1. Once set up, this will be accessible on Google Classroom. Please do not worry if you are not able to access MyMaths or Google Classroom, as we will make paper copies available.

If you have any questions or queries, we are always happy to help.

With best wishes,

Miss Joseph, Mrs Chalk and Mrs Kiley.