

Year 1 Autumn Term 1 2024

Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to Year 1!

I hope you all had a fantastic summer. I'm really looking forward to a fantastic year with the children!

Miss Leafe will be in our classroom on Monday and Tuesday and Mr Rafael will be with us Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Wigglesworth will teach the children on Monday afternoons to cover my PPA.

If you ever need to get in contact, please email me at katie.kelly@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk and I'll endeavour to respond as promptly as I can. Please, however, contact the office regarding any pick up arrangements as I may not get chance to check my emails during the day.

English and Maths



This half term, the mornings will alternate between a maths focus and an English focus. This allows us to teach the children in groups so we can slowly build up to more formal whole class teaching. In English, we will be focusing on how to construct simple sentences with finger spaces. In maths, we will be concentrating on place value within ten. The children will also continue to have daily phonics and maths fluency sessions.



Topic

This term, Year 1 and 2 will learn about changes within living memory with a focus on our school and toys. They will be investigating the following questions:



- How has school changed over time?
- Why do children play with toys?
- How have toys changed over time?
- How do your grandparents' toys differ from yours?
- Do you believe it was better to be a child in the past or now?

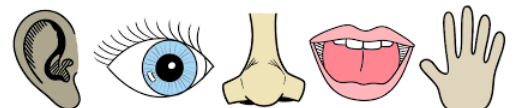
As we discuss the history of the school, we would love for parents or grandparents who came to this school to come in and talk to the children. If you went to Bolling Road First School and/or the middle school and would be willing to come in and talk to the children this half-term, please get in touch!

We are looking forward to visiting Ilkley Toy Museum to learn more about toys and then inviting grandparents into school to show the children the toys they used to play with when they were younger. More information regarding this will be sent out soon.

Science

This half term, the children will be asked the following questions exploring the human body:

- Do I know the parts of the body?
- What are the five senses?



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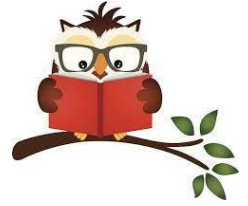
Our P.E days are **Tuesday and Thursday**. Children need to attend school on these days in their school uniform P.E kit.

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Reading

Book exchange: All children will have a school reading book (matched to their phonic ability) and reading record. These books will be changed on **Fridays**. When you have read the book, please sign the reading record. If you have not finished the book your child is reading and would like to keep it an extra week, please write me a message in the reading record. Your child's first reading book will be sent home on **Friday 15th September**.



Please be aware, the reading books will mostly include graphemes they are familiar with so the children should be reading at least 90% of their book fluently; their reading should come across as if it is easy to them. Some books in Y1 may have fewer words and therefore on first glance look easier than the books they were reading at the end of reception but it will be because they include new phase 5 graphemes learnt since September. When your child has read their book to you, you could model how to read with expression and also ask some questions to check comprehension. If your child is struggling to read their book, please get in touch.

Library: In addition to bringing home a school reading book every Friday, children will also choose a book from the school library to take home. The children can choose any book and this decision should be based on reading for pleasure rather than their reading ability (this may mean they bring a book home for you to read to them). These books should be brought in every **Friday**. The children will not be able to get a new library book until they have returned the previous one. The children will start bringing a library book home from **Friday 15th September**.



Water bottles

Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle with them to school every day. This should be one that stays in the classroom for the day and not one from their packed lunch.



Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Kelly

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18th September: Flu vaccinations

Friday 27th September: Individual school photos

Thursday 17th October: Harvest Festival at St John's Church

Thursday 24th October: School closes for half term (Training Day Friday 25th October)

Monday 4th November: School opens for Autumn 2