

Year 1 Autumn Term 2 2024 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome Back!

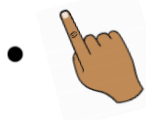
I hope you all had a lovely break. There are lots of really exciting events happening this half term as we lead up to Christmas including our Key Stage 1 Nativity 'Simply The Nativity!'

Miss Leafe will continue to be in our classroom Mondays and Tuesdays and Mr Rafael is with us Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Wigglesworth will teach the children on Monday afternoons.

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 continue to alternate between a maths focus and an English focus.



The group sizes will increase to prepare them for whole class teaching from January. In English, we will be focusing on how to construct sentences with finger spaces and full stops. In maths, we will be concentrating on addition and subtraction within ten. The children will also continue to have daily phonics and maths fluency sessions.



$$7 + 3 = 10$$

Topic

This term, Year 1 and 2 will continue to 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?

A reminder that we are holding a 'Grandparents Toy Museum' in school on Wednesday 14th November and would love to see as many old toys as possible. If your child's grandparent is available to attend, please complete the form sent out previously or get in touch with me.

We will also be completing a DT project where we will be designing and sewing our own puppets.

Science

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

- What are these objects made of?
- How can we sort these objects?
- How do we melt ice and freeze water?
- Will objects float or sink?
- Which materials absorb water?
- Which material would be the best to make a pair of curtains?



We will also be learning about Autumn as we explore how the seasons change across the year.

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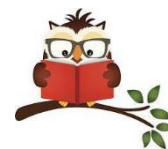
PE



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

Reading

Book exchange: All children will continue to have a school reading book (matched to their phonic ability) and reading record. These books will continue to 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.



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.



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

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 14th November: Parent Evenings

Wednesday 13th November: Grandparents Toy Museum

Friday 15th November: Children In Need

Tuesday 26th November: House Christmas Art Day

Thursday 28th November: Parent Workshops

Tuesday 3rd December: PTA Disco

Sunday 8th December: PTA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 12th December: Nativity Performance **5.30 p.m.**

Friday 13th December: Nativity Performance **9.15 a.m.**

Tuesday 17th December: KS1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January: School opens for Spring 1