

Year 1 Autumn Term 2 2025

Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome Back!

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

English

In English, we will be focusing on how to construct sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. They will be writing postcards and character descriptions based on our class books. The children will be learning about split digraphs and alternative pronunciations in our phonics sessions.



Maths

In maths, we will be concentrating on addition and subtraction. The children will also be comparing numbers using the signs $<$, $>$ and $=$. They will continue to practise reading and writing numbers as words. The children will also continue to have maths fluency sessions.



$$7 + 3 = 10$$

Topic



This half term, Year 1 and 2 will continue to learn about Africa. They will be focusing on the following question:

- How would my life differ if I lived in Africa?

The children will help to develop a link with Matthew Rusike Children's Home and School in Zimbabwe through Ben Rhydding Methodist Church.

Science

This half term, the children will be answering the following questions as they explore 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.

PE



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

PSHE

The children will be thinking about the groups they belong to and who is in their family. They will share what they enjoy doing as a family and how families can be different.

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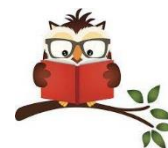
The children will continue to learn about different Festivals and why they are important.

Music and **computing** sessions will continue with Mrs Rocket.

Reading

Book exchange: All children will continue to have a school reading book (matched to their phonic ability). If your child is struggling to read their book, please get in touch. 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.

When your child has read their book to you, you could model how to read with expression and ask some questions to check comprehension. If your child is struggling to read their book, please get in touch.



Water bottles, Milk and Lunch Menu

Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle with them to school every day. If you would like your child to have milk, you will need to sign up and pay for it, information is on the website. Please also check the school website to see the lunch menus.



If you ever need to get in contact, please email me at lucy.alston@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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss L Alston

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11th November and Thursday 13th November: Parent Evenings

Friday 14th November: Children In Need

Thursday 20th November: House Christmas Art Day

Wednesday 26th November: Year One Stay and Play

Sunday 30th November: PTA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 11th December: Nativity Performance 5.30 p.m.

Friday 12th December: Nativity Performance 9.15 a.m

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14th December: KS1 Christmas Party

Friday 19th December: School closes for Christmas holidays

Monday 5th January: School opens for Spring 1