



Year 1/2 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Autumn Term

Welcome back to school.

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer. We are delighted to have all the children back and to see them settling back into their school routines.

This first half term we will be investigating 'What is special about our place?' This is a fantastic topic to teach children fieldwork and observational skills as they study the geography of their school, the grounds and the key human and physical features of the surrounding environment. We will be going on a walk of the local area and the children will have opportunity to do observational drawings and take photos of what they see. At the end of the topic children will be using all their knowledge to create a brochure explaining why Burton Joyce is a great place for families to live. We will be using a range of media to support this including internet and book research.

In English this term we have chosen some wonderful stories to base our work around. We are using a range of fiction texts including traditional stories and poetry. We have chosen books we think will encourage the children to be creative with their story telling and inspire their descriptive writing.

In Maths we will be focusing on number work including 'comparing, ordering and sequencing', this will be with numbers suitable to your child's ability. We will be providing the children with a range of activities to apply their Maths and develop methods of calculating as well as beginning to develop systematic ways to approach problems.

Science – We will be finding out about different parts of the body and exploring the importance of keeping our bodies healthy and active. We will also cover our senses and the roles of different foods in keeping us healthy.

Computing – We will start the term with an E-safety lesson to ensure the children know how to behave on the internet and how to keep safe. We will be creating pages for our brochure on Burton Joyce, developing our skills using tools to insert photos, text boxes and typing.

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Reminder 1

Please remember to send your child with a labelled waterbottle.

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Reminder 2

Please label all items of clothing clearly so we can return misplaced items to your child.

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Reminder 3

PE will be outside whenever possible so please send your child with warm PE clothing and outdoor trainers.

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Reminder 4

Meet the teacher will take place week beginning 28th September. We look forward to seeing you.

Art – The children will be developing their drawing and painting skills, learning about primary and secondary colours. We will be learning about the artist Chris Neale and his distinctive style of landscape paintings.

PSHE – We will be starting with the topic 'Being Me in My World'. This theme is all about how all members of the class have a responsibility to make our classroom a happy and safe place for all.

Music – This term the children will have the opportunity to explore instruments and create a group soundscape piece with Mrs Odel. They will also be listening to a range of different types of music and exploring how it makes them feel.

RE – We will be exploring what it means to belong to a family, school, wider community and for some people what it means to have a religious family. We will be learning about baptism.

PE – This will happen on Monday and Tuesday with our sports coach, Mr Holmes. PE will take place outside unless bad weather prevents this so please ensure your children have suitable PE outfits. We encourage children to keep their kit in school all week in case of changes to the timetable. Mr Holmes will be developing the children's running, jumping and throwing skills through enjoyable games.

Homework – Children will bring home a copy of the homework for the half term on Fri 11th September. Stars will be earned for each piece of work completed and children are challenged to collect at least 20 stars over the half term. Some tasks will be individual tasks (white boxes) and others are set as weekly tasks (in grey boxes). We ask that children keep their homework at home until the week beginning the 19th October. That week the children will be given the opportunity to share their work with the class. Spellings will be sent out weekly, to rehearse the phonics that they are learning in school and children will be tested each Friday. As ever, we continue to advise daily reading, this is crucial in ensuring that the children develop the skills to apply phonics in their reading. Books will be sent home, matching the results of half termly assessments and we encourage the children to swap their books as frequently as needed.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Reminder 5

Please ensure your child brings their reading folder, book and Reading Record daily.

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Due to coronavirus we ask that children do not bring items from home for show and tell. We are happy for them to tell the class about any news they have.

Thank you

The KS1 Team