



Year 1/2 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

2nd Half Autumn Term

Welcome back to school after the half term break. The children have all settled back into the school routines really well and have been excited to find out the new themes this term.

This half term we will be investigating 'Why is the iPad more fun than Grandma and Grandads toys?' which should prove to be an interesting and potentially controversial theme. As part of this theme we will be looking at the importance and development of toys through time, both with living memory and beyond. We will be exploring the development of different materials and how this has affected the development of different toys as well as looking at the more recent development on electronic and computer-linked toys and games. We have been fortunate to be able to loan artifacts from Wollaton Hall which will support us in helping the children to understand what historic toys were like and they, of course, will be able to talk to family and friends about their memories of childhood toys. At the end of the topic children will be using all their knowledge to answer the question posed at the start of the term to give reasons and arguments from all of the learning.

In English this term we will continue to inspire the children's learning through our weekly stories, and we will be continuing to focus on developing writing skills. Our focus will continue to be around developing sentence structure and encouraging the application of phonics, spellings and keyword knowledge.

In Math's we will continue to focus on number work but this term this will be a greater focus on the four different calculation operations (+ - x ÷). These skills will also be developed through more frequent opportunities to solve word problems. This calculation work, alongside last terms number focus, will now begin to give the children wider opportunities to rehearse these key skills in a wider variety of ways.

Science – We will be finding out about the animal kingdom and we will be beginning to look at simple classification, groups and food chains as well as identifying what animals need in order to live. We will also be hosting a 'virtual tour' of ZSL zoo who will be exploring and explaining the classification of animals for us too, which should prove to be very exciting!

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Reminder 1

Please remember to send your child with a labelled water bottle.

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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 on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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Reminder 4

Children need to bring reading diaries daily so they can access their usernames and log ins.

Computing – We will be focusing on coding and the children will be experiencing how to generate a sequence of codes.

Art – The children will continue to develop their drawing and painting skills, including colour mixing and shading and we will continue to explore the work of artist Chris Neale.

PSHE – We will be learning about ‘Celebrating Differences’. This theme is all about celebrating the similarities and differences in everyone.

French – This term the children will begin their first unit of French with Mrs Odell, during which they will be learning some simple key vocabulary and phrases.

RE – We will be exploring different festivals of light and looking at what these festivals mean to different groups. Our focus will be on Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas and we will be exploring what is unique about each of these festivals.

PE – This will happen on Monday and Tuesday with our sports coach, Mr Holmes. PE will continue to take place outside where possible, but the children will have access to the hall in cold weather. As always, we will require full PE kit each week for the children to be able to access the session safely. The focus of this terms PE will be dance.

Homework – A copy of the homework grid for this half term is now available on the children’s Teams account but it will work in exactly the same way, in that stars will be earned for each piece of work. The children will then have the opportunity to share their work with their class before the end of term, so we ask that children keep their homework at home until the week beginning **the 14th December**, which is when time to share work will be timetabled. Spellings will continue to be sent out weekly, to rehearse the phonics and keywords that they are learning in school. 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 which match the children’s phonic learning, and some will also be sent home with additional books to rehearse phonemes which they are struggling to apply. All of these books are determined by the results of different weekly and half termly assessments.

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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Odd sock day will be on Monday 16th November

Thank you

The KS1 Team