



Year 1/2 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Autumn 2

Welcome back to school.

We hope you have all had a great October break. We hope you have had a good rest and have enjoyed celebrating Halloween. We are excited to have you all back in school for the lead up to Christmas. Here is an outline of what your child will be learning during this half term. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

During our topic this term we will be investigating the question 'What were the caves of Nottingham used for?' We started the topic by going on a school trip to the Galleries of Justice and Nottingham Caves on Wednesday 3rd November and we had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the volunteers who attended to make this trip a success. We learnt how the caves have changed through history and their different uses. We also used the court room to role play the trial of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

English – In English, we are covering a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to Caves and Materials. We will be introducing acrostic poetry linked to bonfire night.

Maths –

Year 1's will begin by finishing our addition and subtraction to 10 unit before moving on to Shape.

Year 2's will begin by finishing our addition and subtraction to 100 unit before moving on to Money.

Science - We will be continuing to learn the uses of everyday materials; including learning about solid materials and how materials can be manipulated into different shapes. We will learn about key inventors who have made important discoveries with materials.

Computing – In Computing, we are learning to Code using the Everyone Can Code scheme. Year 1's will use Codespark on iPads and Year 2's will use Tynker to access coding.

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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 Wednesdays.

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Reminder 4

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

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Reminder 5

Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for break times.

DT – We will be using a range of materials to create a realistic 3D model of a playground.

PSHE – We will be celebrating differences using the Jigsaw scheme of learning. In this unit, we will be looking at similarities and differences between our peers.

P.E. – We will be doing gymnastics, looking at simple balances, stretches and sequences.

Music – We will be learning Christmas songs for our Christmas play, using our voices and a range of instruments to perform to an audience.

RE – We are learning about Christmas and Eid and thinking about the importance of religious celebrations at this time of year.

Homework – Children will be assigned an electronic copy of the homework for the half term on Friday 5th of November via TEAMS. (Login in details for this can be found in the back of Reading Diaries.) 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 13th December. That week the children will be given the opportunity to share their work with the class.

Spellings are sent out weekly, to rehearse the phonics 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.

Dates:

- Anti-bullying week - W/C/ 15th November
- Odd Socks Day - 15th November
- Children in Need - In November (letter TBC)
- Christmas Fair - 4th December
- Reports home - 10th December
- Christmas Play - 13th and 14th December at 2pm
- Christmas Craft Day - 17th December

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

Thank you

The KS1 Team