



Year 1/2 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Spring 1

Welcome back to school. We hope you've all had a wonderful break and Happy New Year! Thank you for continuing to support your children with their homework, we always enjoy the children sharing their work at the end of the half term.

During our topic this term, we will be investigating the question 'Would you prefer to live in England or Africa?' We will be starting this topic by looking at the world's continents and oceans. The children will be learning about physical and human features of Africa.

English - We will be reading stories set in Africa to support descriptive and imaginative writing. Children will use a variety of media to support their knowledge of African animals to write a non-chronological report.

Maths - Year 2 will be looking at how repeated addition relates to their timetables. Focusing on 2s, 5s and 10s. Followed by a unit on data handling. Year 1 will be adding and subtracting with numbers to 20. Along with place value to 50.

Science - Children will be identifying things that are living, dead and never been alive. They will also learn about different habitats.

Computing/Music - children will use apps to create their own music, layering more than one instrument and editing it to make it more effective.

Art - Children will study the famous artist Henri Rousseau and create their own version of 'Tiger in a tropical storm'.

PSHE - Children will set their own goals and aspirations for themselves.

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Reminder 1

Please remember to send your child with a labelled waterbottle.

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.

Reminder 4

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

P.E. - Children will be exploring dance movements to African tribal music.

RE. - We will start by looking at objects that are special to them. Children will learn about the Torah and why it is special to Jewish people.

Homework -A copy will also be posted on 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 7th February. 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:

Parents Evening 11th and 13th Jan

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.

Thank you

The KS1 Team