



Year 1/2 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Spring 1

Welcome back to school!

We hope you have all had a great Christmas break, are well rested and have enjoyed all the festivities despite the illnesses that have been going around. We are excited to have you all back in school for what will be a short half term with lots of new learning taking place. Here is an outline of what your child will be learning during this time. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

During our topic this term we will be investigating the question 'What is unique about London?' We will be introducing this topic by looking at the human and physical features of our closest city Nottingham and comparing it to London.

English – We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts about London. We are going to be working hard on spelling, punctuation and grammar this half term to write some descriptive narratives. Thank you for your continued support in learning your child's weekly spellings with them.

Maths – In year 2, we will be continuing our unit on shape before moving onto money. Year 1 children will be developing their knowledge of numbers to 20 and place value.

Science – We are looking at different materials and comparing their suitability for different purposes. We will investigate how they can change shape

Computing – We will be exploring technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.

ART – We will be exploring the work of Lowry and using colour and collage to recreate his style of painting landscape pictures full of people.

PSHE – This half term we will be looking at dreams and goals. We will be setting simple goals and looking at how to overcome any obstacles.

P.E. – This half term is dance; the children will be working on creating movements with differing levels with a partner whilst improving their timing.

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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 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.

RE – We will be learning about the Jewish culture, beliefs, and the celebration of Shabbat.

Homework – Children will be assigned an electronic copy of the homework for the half term 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). Some activities have optional sheets that can be used to complete the tasks, these will be emailed along with the homework grid. If you would like any paper copies of these sheets then please feel free to ask the teacher. We ask that children keep their homework at home until the week beginning the 6th 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. The class teacher will be awarding children who have completed their 3 reads with a sticker so remember to record any reading your child has completed in their reading record. Books will be sent home which match the children's phonic learning and will be changed on a Thursday/Friday. All 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.

Thank you

The KS1 Team