

BARDNEY CE & METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 1 Newsletter

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Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all children and parents to Class 2. We hope you had a wonderful Summer and are rested for the year ahead.

We understand that children can often feel worried and apprehensive about starting in another class so if you have any concerns and wish to speak to us, please come in and arrange a convenient time.

This newsletter gives you an outline of what your child is doing at school throughout the Autumn Term and how you can help them.

Staff in Year 1

Year 1 are lucky enough to have 2 teachers ☺; Miss Stainton Monday to Thursday and Mrs McClue on Fridays. Also part of our Year 1 team is Mrs Swallow, Miss Deakin and Mr Quarton.

Curriculum Overview

Our topic for this term is 'Castles'! We will initially be exploring some of the questions that the children thought of during our move-up morning at the end of last year, such as: 'What do people do in a castle?' and 'What rooms are there in a castle?'

We will link our topic to the geography national curriculum by learning about the four countries that make up the UK, their capital cities and their castles.



Class 2 will also be doing some artwork related to castle weapons and armour.

Phonics

In Class 2 phonics takes the form of daily phonic lessons. Within these sessions, children will have the opportunity to review previously learnt sounds, learn new sounds and apply these in reading and spelling activities.

English:

This half term the children's learning in English will be through three key genres; Traditional Fairy tales, Stories with predictable or patterned language and Instructions. Our key objectives this half term are;

- To use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- To form letter correctly by starting and ending in the correct place.
- To read their work back
- To use adjectives to describe nouns.

Maths:

This half term the children will focus on place value and calculations. The key objectives for place value will be:

- Count to 10, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number
- Count, read and write numbers to 10 in numerals and words.
- Given a number, identify one more or one less.
- Use language of; equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least

Music

During this term, Class 2 will be having weekly music sessions provided by the music service on a Wednesday afternoon. During these sessions they will get to learn new songs and use various instruments.

PE

P.E will be on Wednesday afternoon with a specialist coach. Please make sure that children have their kit in school on this day and that everything is clearly labelled with their name. We may go outside for P.E (weather permitting!) so please could children have an outdoor kit and plimsoll/trainers at school.

Swimming

Class 2 will not be swimming until after the Christmas holidays.

Reading

Reading in school takes two forms every week: individual readers where a child reads 1:1 with an adult and Guided Reading where a group reads together.



We encourage the children to have the opportunity to read at home, whether it is their schoolbook or their own storybooks. Each time your child reads at home they get a signature on their card. They can get no more than 5 signatures a week (e.g 4 times = 4 signatures; 6 times = 5 signatures) Please record in their lilac reading diary if they have done some reading at home so that we can see how they are getting on and so they can earn their rewards.

Additionally to signatures/house points, the children in class 2 will achieve 'bookworm' stars as a reward for reading 5 times a week. There will be a class chart to track the reading in class and when children achieve a certain amount they will receive a prize!

We will be encouraging the children to be more independent by asking them to place their book in the purple tray should it need changing when they arrive at school in the morning. It would be appreciated if you could give a little reminder to your child during the first few weeks.

Home/School reading diaries

Please feel free to communicate with us in the home/school reading diary. We would also be grateful of information that may affect their learning, for example: tiredness, feeling ill, upset (eg death of a pet etc). However if you wish to discuss issues further you are always welcome to come and speak to us in school.

Homework

A letter detailing the homework for this half-term and extra ideas of how to support your child's learning will be sent out shortly.

Hometime

Please bear with us while we learn all your faces. It may take slightly longer at first but we need to ensure that every child is safely with an adult. If anyone is going home with someone different, please either let us know in the morning or leave a message at the office.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to the year ahead.

Miss Stainton, Mrs McClue, Mrs Swallow, Miss Deakin and Mr Quarton.