

# Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you all have a fantastic and safe summer! We are very excited to begin the new academic year and start all the hard work whilst having lots of fun. If you have any concerns at all please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Birch team. Our door is always open and we are happy to help.

## LITERACY

This half term we will firstly be looking at *The Naughty Bus* by Jan and Jerry Oke. This book is all about a bus that gets into lots of mischief at home! As part of this book we will be role playing our own bus journeys and thinking of adjectives to describe beans! We will finish by creating our own story about what our own naughty bus might get up to in our local area! We will then read *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon. In this book we will create and describe our own alien, as well as writing our own poems. We will finish the half term with *Iggy Peck, Architect* by Andrea Beaty. We will be discussing thoughts, feelings and beginning to use conjunctions in a sentence. We will be focusing on the childrens imaginations whilst also working on writing simple sentences using punctuation and finger spaces.

Key vocabulary:

conjunctions	adjectives	punctuation
role play	poetry	rhyme
syllables	pronouns	prepositions

## Mathematics

This half term we will be using lots of practical activities and in depth discussion to introduce Birch class to Year 1 maths!

We will use a range of practical recourses such as wrapping paper and play dough to learn all about numbers 1-10. This term, we will also be learning how to sort objects into different groups and explaining our answers. During this time, we will be practising our conversation and discussion skills. We will also be discussing 1 more and 1 less in a number and using cubes and counters to demonstrate what happens when numbers become less or more.

Towards the end of the half term we will begin to look at addition in numbers 1-10 using part whole models. This will include lots of practical activities.

Key vocabulary:

part	whole	formation	numbers
less	more	addition	counting
ordering	first	second	third



## SCIENCE

This half term in Science we will be looking at 'Animals including humans'. As part of this topic, we will be beginning to look at our own human body and labelling our different body parts. We will then be using completing lots of different activities to learn about the senses and which sense is linked to which body part.

Key Vocabulary:

animals	humans
body	senses
smell	taste
touch	see
hear	





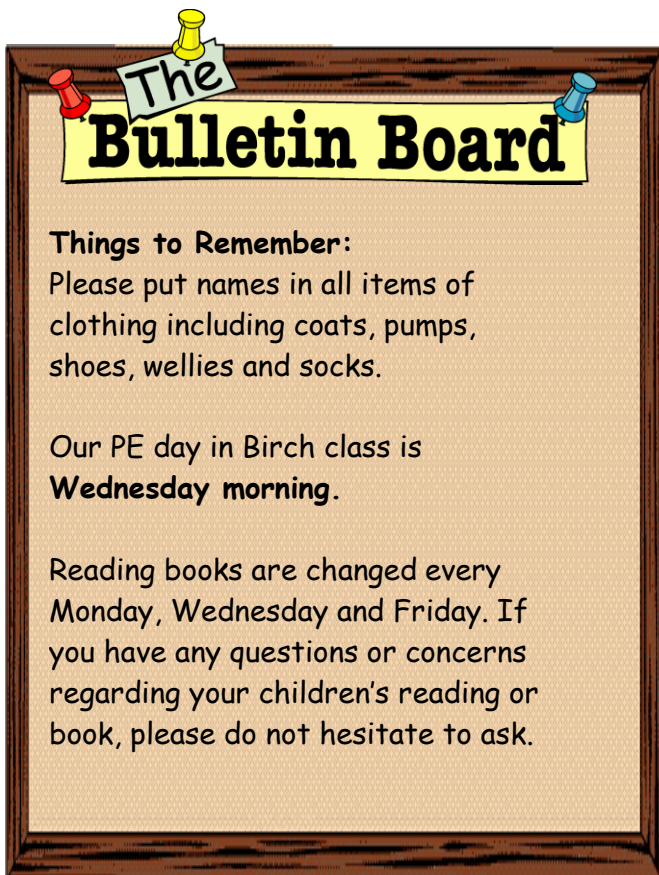
# Other Curriculum Areas

PE - We will be beginning to practise throwing and catching skills and implementing these into team games.

PSHE - This term we will be looking at our school's key values and rules.

Music - This term, we will be exploring music through our Charanga programme.

Computing - We will be using computers to group and sort and looking at staying safe online. We will also be using Google Earth to look at our local area and our capital city.

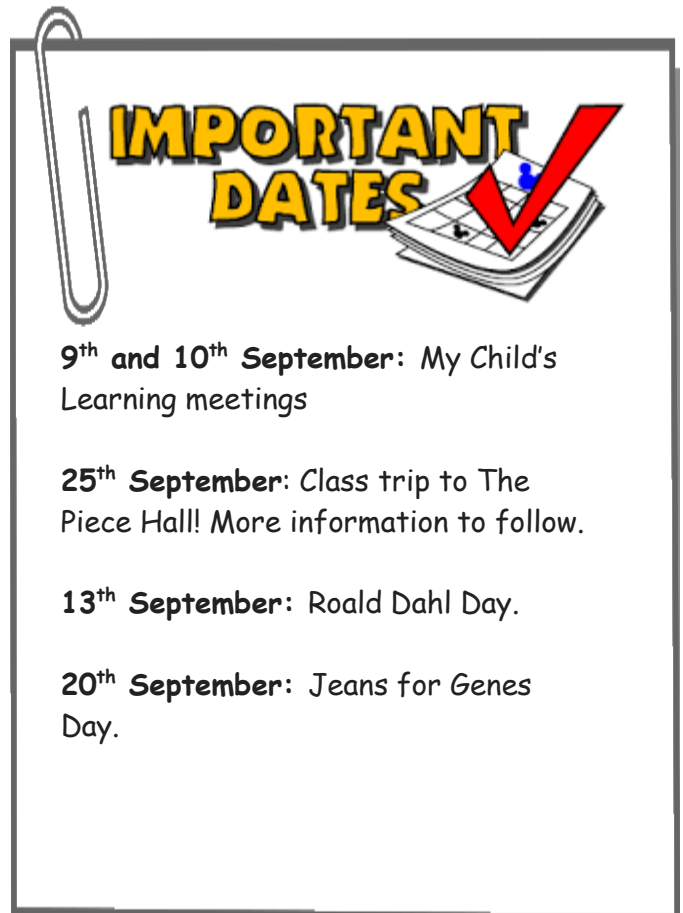


## The Bulletin Board

**Things to Remember:**  
Please put names in all items of clothing including coats, pumps, shoes, wellies and socks.

Our PE day in Birch class is **Wednesday morning**.

Reading books are changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your children's reading or book, please do not hesitate to ask.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September:** My Child's Learning meetings

**25<sup>th</sup> September:** Class trip to The Piece Hall! More information to follow.

**13<sup>th</sup> September:** Roald Dahl Day.

**20<sup>th</sup> September:** Jeans for Genes Day.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Stories online: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

Alphablocks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/alphablocks-games>

Numberblocks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>



# Street Detectives



## What is our local area like?

We will be discussing our local area and where we live. As part of this, we will be writing about our own houses and who we live with. We will also look at the adventures of our teddy, who went all around Halifax on a day out. Birch class will learn all about the different landmarks of Halifax, we will then write all about where our teddy visited.



## Which countries form the United Kingdom?

We will learn all about the countries which make up the United Kingdom. We will also compare human and physical features of a place.

## Seasons of the year

We will identify the four seasons of the year and the weather patterns we might see in different months of the year.

## How have places changed over time and how does the UK compare to other places?

We will learn facts about each country, including their capital city. We will also compare these cities to our local area.



## Who is Edward Akroydon?

We will learn about Edward Akroydon, who came from Halifax. To help us learn more about the history of our local area, we will be going on an exciting trip to The Piece Hall. When back in school, we will write about what we discovered.