

Beech Class Newsletter Autumn 1



Mrs Bewick, along with Mrs Hall and Miss Northrop, our classroom assistants, are delighted to welcome back our Year 1 children and parents. We also extend a very warm welcome to our new families and their children just starting their learning journey in Reception. We hope you all had lots of fun over the summer and are ready to learn lots of exciting new things. If you have any questions or concerns, Mrs Bewick is always available before or after school to talk them through with you.

LITERACY

Reading: We will be focusing on particular books each week which will generate lots of opportunities for both Year 1 and Reception children. Recalling events, and discussing settings and characters will be a key focus. We will also read a variety of books in our daily story sessions. Children will begin to take reading books home to share with you. We want to encourage a love of books and reading.

Writing: We will be doing lots of mark making and drawing. We will encourage the children to have a good pencil grip in order to form letters in their name and other letters correctly.

Year 1: We will be creating our own stories linked to The Naughty School Bus and writing lists, labels and captions. We will also be writing some poetry. Our key focus will be simple sentences, using punctuation and finger spaces.

Key vocabulary:

conjunctions	adjectives	punctuation
role play	poetry	rhyme
syllables	pronouns	prepositions

Mathematics

Number: The focus for number will be counting and number recognition. We will be matching groups of objects to the correct numeral and counting out objects to match a given number. We will also be watching and working with the BBC Numberblocks programme.

Shape, Space and Measure: We will be working with 2D shapes: naming and sorting them and singing songs about them.

Year 1: We will consolidate working with numbers from 0 to 10, employing lots of practical activities including making playdough numbers, painting and writing numbers. We will also be working on one more and one less than a given number using counters and cubes to demonstrate this, and then addition to 10 using part whole models and 10 frames. We will be sorting objects into different groups and developing our mathematical language skills to explain our sorting criteria.

Key Vocabulary:

part	whole	numbers	formation	less
more	counting	addition	ordering	first



Phonics

We are having two daily phonic sessions: one in the morning and then again in the afternoon. This half term, we will be focusing on developing the children's listening skills and their awareness of sounds in the environment. We will then use our sounds knowledge to create our own stories and rhymes. We will then begin to introduce the Ruth Miskin phonics programme: Read, Write inc, which is very exciting; children learn how to recognise, form the letters and say the sound using pictures and simple mnemonics.

Year 1: We will have phonic session daily and will focus on segmenting, blending sounds, sight reading, spellings using the Year 1 word list and common exception words.

SCIENCE

Year 1: This half term, in science, we will be looking at 'Animals and humans'. As part of this topic, we will be beginning to look at our own human body and labelling the different parts of our body. We will learn about our senses, involving lots of practical activities to help us understand them and discuss which sense is linked to which body part.

Key Vocabulary:

humans	animals	body
senses	see	smell
hear	touch	taste



Other Curriculum Areas

Other areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage



instructions, turn taking, Finger Gym -to develop muscles in fingers to support manipulative skills and writing
Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Confidence building, sharing, turn-taking, expressing feelings and emotions.
Understanding of the World: Exploring similarities and differences in our appearance, finding out what makes us unique. Exploring the world around us, in particular, our town Halifax
Technology: Beginning to use computer programmes- Expressive Arts and Design: Self-portraits, family pictures, home pictures model making. Using a variety of mediums. Expressive Arts and Design: Christmas card designs, pattern making, colour mixing and clay work.

Year 1:
PE - We will be beginning to practise throwing and catching skills and implementing these into team games. Gym sessions and Dance sessions.
PSHE: This term, we will be looking at our school's key values and rules.
Music: This term, we will be learning about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and learning how to rap.
Computing: Firstly we will talk about using the computer and how to stay safe. We will be sorting and grouping lots of different things. 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.

P.E.; The school PE kit consists of a red polo shirt and black shorts. PE will be every **Monday Morning**.

Year 1 children will change their books each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Reception children will begin to bring books home to share with parents on a weekly basis later this half-term. More information and dates to follow.

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 1 parents- **9.9.19** and **10.9.19:** My Child's Learning meetings.

13.9.19- Roald Dahl Day

21.9.19 - Jeans for Genes Day (wear jeans with the rest of our uniform as normal to raise money.

26.9.19 - class trip to The Piece Hall (another letter will be sent out).

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>
Maths Link; <http://uk.mathletics.com>
E-safety link: <http://safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/stayings-safe-online/>



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. Beech 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.