

Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic summer. We are very excited to start the new school year and all hard work whilst having lots of fun. If you have any concerns at all please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 1 team. We are happy to help. The best help you can give is to make sure your child attends every day on time. Attending every day enables them to build upon their learning and helps their understanding. Every school day is planned to help your child to achieve, so excellent attendance is vital. Please also ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast e.g. cereal, with lots of early nights, to ensure they can concentrate fully and give their best.

LITERACY

This term we will be reading the books 'The Last Stop on Market Street' by Matt De La Pena and 'The Smartest Giant In Town' by Julia Donaldson. We will use these books to help us to write fiction pieces, including labels, lists, fact files and narratives. As well as this, we will be building confidence by reading our work to others.

Key vocabulary:

capital letter full stop finger spaces
narrative sentence labels

Mathematics

This term, we will be looking at place value. We will practise counting forwards and backwards as well as learning one more and one less. We will be ordering numbers and comparing them using the signs < more than, > less than and = equals to.

Homework - Maths will be set using Mathletics on a weekly basis (Mondays). Please see your child's planner for the log in details for Mathletics. If your child requires computer access in school time, or you would prefer paper copies, please let us know.

Key vocabulary:

More than less than
sort greater than groups
equal to



Phonics

Phonics will take place twice a day. In the morning we will practise our sounds making sure we can read them speedily. We will also practise blending sounds together to read words and segmenting sounds to spell words.

In the afternoons, we will have a storybook session. Books will be changed each Friday and kept until the following week. Please ensure you child is reading regularly at home. Please sign your child's planner each time you have listened to them read and return their planner and book to school **each day** so that they can read in school too.

SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term is 'Animals including humans'. We will learn about our bodies including our bones, body parts and what we need to stay healthy. We will also learn about the 5 human senses and which body parts they are linked with.

Key vocabulary:

Body parts bones smell
sight hear taste touch





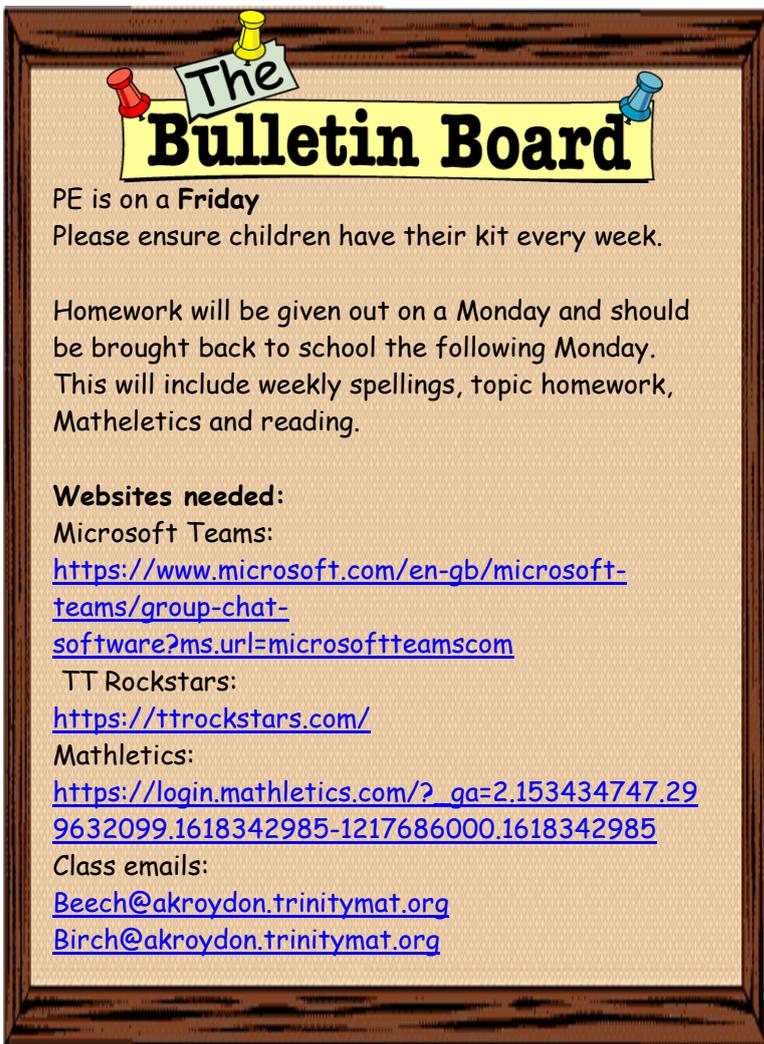
Other Curriculum Areas

Geography - This term, we will be learning about our local area. We will be able to name key human and physical features.

PE - This term, we will be focusing on athletics. We will practise our running, jumping, and throwing.

PSHE - This term, we will be learning about how to be a good friend. We will focus on our behaviours and how it affects others.

Computing - This term, we will be looking at programmable toys. They will also begin to learn how to save, organise, retrieve and edit digital content.

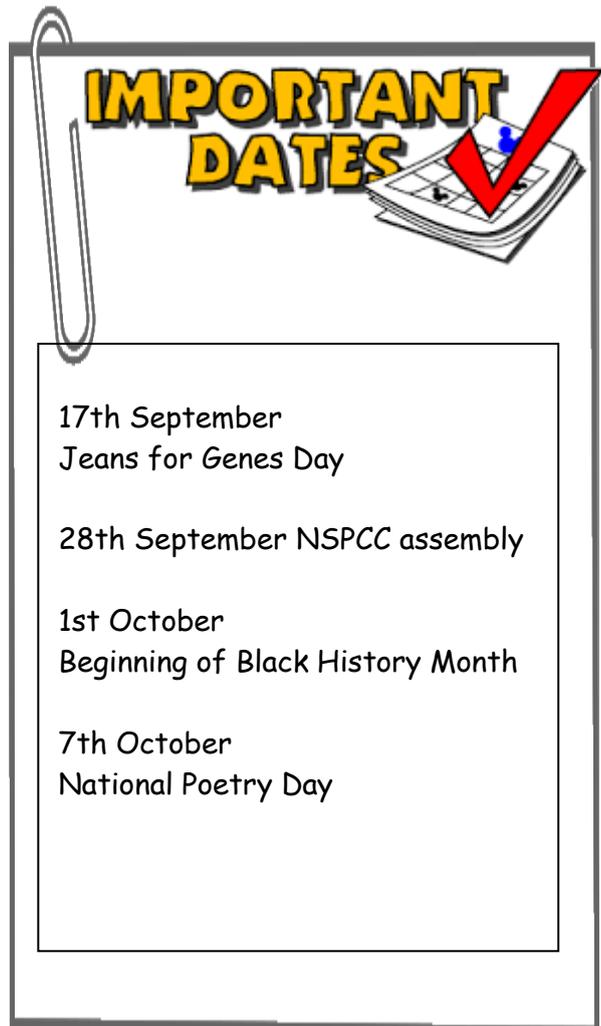


The Bulletin Board

PE is on a Friday
Please ensure children have their kit every week.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be brought back to school the following Monday. This will include weekly spellings, topic homework, Mathematics and reading.

Websites needed:
Microsoft Teams:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software?ms.url=microsoftteamscom>
TT Rockstars:
<https://ttrockstars.com/>
Mathletics:
https://login.mathletics.com/?_ga=2.153434747.299632099.1618342985-1217686000.1618342985
Class emails:
Beech@akroydon.trinitymat.org
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IMPORTANT DATES

17th September
Jeans for Genes Day

28th September NSPCC assembly

1st October
Beginning of Black History Month

7th October
National Poetry Day

Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

Reading - Beech class pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes **every day**. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed once a week. Children will bring home a 'storybook' and 'book bag book' that matches their phonic knowledge. They will also be bringing a library book but this book needs to be read to them by an adult.