

Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic half term break! We are very excited to continue our journey in Year 1 with lots of 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 'Hansel and Gretel', 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and 'The Snowman'. We will use these books to internalise a text, sequence events, answer questions and how to write a simple story.

Key vocabulary:

capital letter full stop finger spaces
narrative sentence internalise beginning,
middle and end.

Mathematics

This term, we will be looking at number addition and subtraction within 10, shapes and place value within 20. We will practise ordering and comparing numbers to others alongside introducing tens and ones.

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:

tens ones compare order
greater less



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 your child is reading regularly at home. Please sign your child's planner each time you have listened to them read so we can add it onto their 100 square chart. Each time your child has read 10 times, they will receive 5 achievement points.

SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term is 'Materials'. We will learn about a variety of everyday materials and describe the simple physical properties of these. We will discuss that objects are made from different materials for a purpose and the reason for choosing those materials.

Key vocabulary:

Materials wood plastic glass
metal rock water strong
Weak observe





Other Curriculum Areas

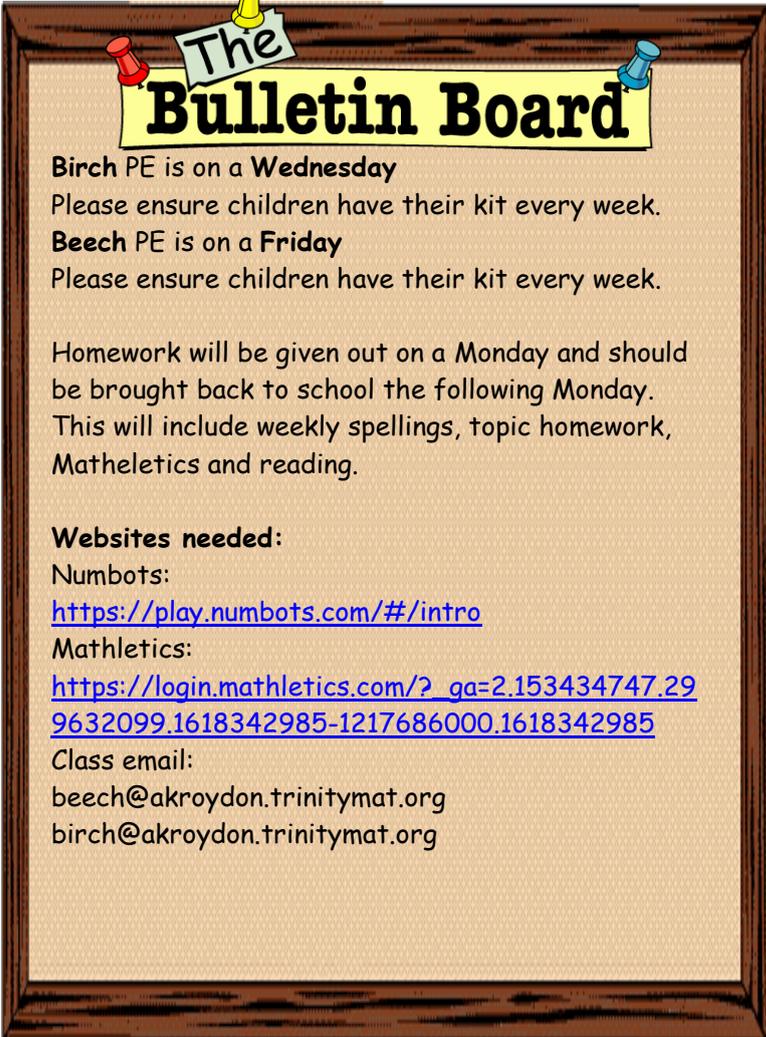
History - In this topic, we will learn about and be able to recall how artefacts are used to tell us about the past and explain what a timeline is. Children will compare life in the 1950s to nowadays, looking at the similarities and differences in day to day life.

PE - This term, we will be focusing on Badminton. We will be practising using the bats and shuttlecocks effectively.

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.

RE - This term, we will be learning about how and why people celebrate.

Computing - this term we will continue to practice our coding skills.



The Bulletin Board

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

Beech 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, Mathletics and reading.

Websites needed:
Numbots:
<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>
Mathletics:
https://login.mathletics.com/?_ga=2.153434747.299632099.1618342985-1217686000.1618342985
Class email:
beech@akroydon.trinitymat.org
birch@akroydon.trinitymat.org



IMPORTANT DATES

17 November
School photos
W.C. 15.11.21
Anti-Bullying Week

19 November
Children in Need
W.C. 22.11.2021
Road Safety Week

17 December
School Closes for Christmas
14.12.21 - Christmas performance
17.12.21 - break up for Christmas

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.