

Year One

Parent Newsletter
Autumn 2015

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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after half term.



Subject	<u>Learning Challenge—</u>
Geography	<i>As Geographers we will be learning about where we live. We will be thinking about what we know about Long Eaton. We will be looking at the Geographical features of Long Eaton and deciding what we like and don't like.</i>
Art and Design/ Design Technology	<i>As artists we will explore the artist Andy Goldsworthy who basis his work on using the environment to create pictures. We may send out a letter requesting your child to bring in wellington boots so that we can immerse ourselves in the outdoor environment!</i>
P.E. 	<i>P.E. sessions will still be on the following days; All year one classes will have P.E. on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. In outdoor games we will be practicing our throwing and catching skills. In our indoor gym lessons we will be learning how to make different shapes with our bodies and how to create shapes whilst using the large apparatus. You will need your kit in school. If you have long hair you will need a bobble to tie it back, if you wear earrings you will need to take them out or bring in tape. In the winter we will still be outside if it's dry and you are welcome to bring jogging bottoms, sweat-shirt and trainers to help keep you warm. If, for any reason, you are poorly or unable to do PE you will need a note from home before you are excused.</i>
PSHE 	<i>We will be learning about ways to get on with other and how to solve fallings out. We will do this through learning to take turns, listen to others and ask questions. We will learn what being a good friend means and how to make someone feel good by giving them a compliment. We will also learn how to manage our</i>

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 <p data-bbox="138 152 232 181">English</p>	<p data-bbox="293 147 1010 325">In English we will be looking at the stories <i>Stickman</i> by Julia Donaldson and <i>The Jolly Christmas Postman</i> by Janet and Allan Alberg. We will be focussing on constructing sentences. We will then move on to adding in conjunctions. We will be writing Christmas lists and letters to Father Christmas.</p>
 <p data-bbox="114 359 264 388">Mathematics</p>	<p data-bbox="293 354 1010 532">As Mathematicians we will be adding, subtracting, capacity and counting forwards and backwards. In our Fluency sessions we will be focusing on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the national expectations for children in Year One.</p>
 <p data-bbox="138 566 232 594">Science</p>	<p data-bbox="293 561 1010 661"><u>As scientists</u> we will be studying how the weather changes across the seasons Autumn and Winter. We will be doing a daily weather log for the next week and we will do another in the last two weeks.</p>
 <p data-bbox="125 707 248 735">Computing</p>	<p data-bbox="293 702 1010 779">In computing we will be learning to copy and paste images into different programmes aiming to create a PowerPoint on the weather.</p>
<p data-bbox="170 863 210 892">RE</p>	<p data-bbox="293 858 1010 913">In RE we will be considering what it means to belong. We will also be looking at the Nativity story.</p>

Please see over for information about homework and general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child's success.

Homework

Each week the children are required to complete homework. This includes reading with your child and practicing spellings. Spelling tests will be on Fridays. We will also collect any Mathematics or topic homework on Fridays. Please check your child's homework diary to see what homework has been set.

Reading

Please make sure you sign your child's reading record when they have read the book. We welcome comments on progress. Please remember your child's reading targets are in the front of their reading record.

Personalised Projects

At times your child will receive homework based on the topics we are covering in addition to their Maths and spelling homework.

Parents evening will be on 16th and 18th November 2015. This includes I.E.P. review meetings.

Extra Curricular

This half term the gymnastics club starts on Thursdays. If your child is attending please collect them from the Year 1 door.

Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn – details can be seen on our website under 'Information – School Uniform and Dress Code'.

Attendance

Every lesson counts – please allow your child to develop by attending school each day. We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the term.

The Year One Brooklands Team