



Year One
Parent Newsletter
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Welcome back after the half term break



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Subject	Learning Challenge
History	As Historians we will be exploring the first moon landing. We will consider why Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were very brave people. Additionally, we will look at Tim Peake's current journey in space. We will imagine what it was like to watch the first moon landing.
Design and Technology	As Designers we will be looking at different bird feeders. We will be designing and making our own bird feeders out of different materials. We will design a suitable product for the birds in Long Eaton. We will need to explain what we are making and which tools we are using. We will also consider how to attach materials.
P.E. 	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 learning kicking skills. Our indoor gymnastics lessons will be focused on stretching, rolling and travelling. 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.
PSHE 	In P.S.H.E we will be focusing specifically on feelings. We will be understanding our feelings as well as considering our strengths and weaknesses as learners. We aim to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy.

Subject	
	<p>In English we will be looking at traditional tales. We will be retelling different traditional tales as well as comparing them. We will create character profiles of different fairy tale characters. Also, we will write our own story setting to use in our own mixed-up traditional tale.</p> <p>Additionally we will be reading and writing instructions and seeing what we can make by following instructions carefully.</p> <p>It is important that good sentence structure is reiterated at home if children are experimenting with writing. Please encourage your child to always include a capital letter, full stop, finger spaces, form letters correctly and sit letters on the line. We really appreciate your support with this.</p>
	<p>As Mathematicians we will be covering number and place value by counting forwards and backwards. We will continue counting on in 2s, 5s, 10s.</p> <p>In addition we will be learning to recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes.</p> <p>We will be learning positional and directional vocabulary, so we can follow and give directions.</p> <p>In our fluency sessions we will be focusing on doubling and halving numbers to 10.</p> <p>Please refer to our website for details of the National Curriculum 2014 to see the national expectations for children in Year One.</p>
	<p>As scientists we will be learning about different plants and trees. We will be naming common, wild and green plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will also identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.</p>
	<p>In computing we will continue to use codes to programme a computer character to move in different ways. We will also look at different computer skills, such as logging on and using Microsoft Word/PowerPoint.</p>
	<p>In RE we will continue to look at who Jews and Christians are and begin to look at what they believe in, including their views about creation.</p> <p>Additionally we will consider our responsibility to look after the world we live in.</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, practising spellings and practising an area of maths ready for the test they have on Fridays. Spelling tests are also on Fridays. Please check your child's homework diary to see their spellings and maths to practise.

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 and to record **any** book that they read.

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd February we will be celebrating World Book Day. Your child can come to school dressed up as a character from a book.

Library Trip

On Tuesday 8th March Year 1 will be going on a visit to the library. If you would like to help us on our trip, please see your child's class teacher.

Parents' Evening

This term parents' evenings will be on Monday 14th March and Wednesday 16th March between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. You will receive a letter to select your preferred date and time.

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. Don't forget to check Facebook, Twitter and our school website to find out what's going on.

The Year One Brooklands Team