



Year 1 Newsletter

Term 2

What will be learning this term?

Welcome to Term 2 in Year 1! We will be starting to reduce our Discovery Time as we continue to progress through the National Curriculum for Year 1, these opportunities will still continue during subject lesson times.

In Maths, we will be starting the term with ordinal numbers. We will be doing this through the use of manipulatives before we focus on ordering numbers. We will then move onto addition and subtraction, introducing the part-whole model, fact families of number bonds up to ten and comparing these.

In English lessons, we will continue to focus on basic writing skills such as finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in our independent sentences. Our book this term is 'Tidy' written by Emily Gravett. We will also be learning about poetry where we will be exploring different poems and creating our own! We will continue with Read Write Inc and will focus on set 2 special friends and introducing set 3 sounds, reading texts using the sounds we have learnt. We will be developing our speaking and listening skills by rehearsing and performing our Christingle Service.

Our topic is 'Materials and Matter' for Science this term. We will be identifying many everyday materials around the school and talking about their properties. We will be investigating which material would be suitable for a roof and the properties the material needs to be a successful roof.

In History, our topic is 'Toys Over Time'. We will be looking at a variety of different types of toys and how they have changed and developed over time. If you have any old childhood toys that we could look at, please send them in - thank you!

In RE this term, our big question is, 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will be learning about The Nativity story and how Christmas traditions link to it.

We will be looking at digital typing in Computing this term and exploring the different fonts and styles that can be used to create a piece of text for a Christmas card.

In PSHE, we will be exploring 'Economic Wellbeing', we will be learning about the importance of money and the value of earning, saving and spending.

In Art, we will be drawing and painting, learning new drawing skills and mixing of primary colours to create secondary colours which we will use to create a piece of work on a London landmark,

We will continue to have PE every Wednesday with both the sports coaches and our teachers and will be developing our balance and agility skills in gymnastics and learning the skills of tennis.

Homework

Year 1	Homework Task	Day of the week set	Day of the week to be completed
Spelling	Spelling Shed	Friday	Play games for 5 minutes daily.
Reading	Read Write Inc reading book	See information in new Reading Record book.	A minimum of 3 reads each week.
Maths	A Maths activity based on our class learning.	Thursday	Thursday
Phonics	A fun phonic activity.	Thursday	Thursday

Please see the weekly Home Learning task sheet for more details.

Dates for your diary



Monday 3rd November - First day of Term 2!

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November - Non-Uniform Day (Bring a bottle)

Monday 17th November - Open Day for Reception 26-27 Entrants

Wednesday 19th November - Parents Evening

Thursday 20th November - Parents Evening

Friday 28th November - Non-Uniform Day (Sweets/Crisps)

Tuesday 9th December - Rocksteady Concert (10am)

Friday 12th December - Christmas Fair

Tuesday 16th December - Year 1 Christingle

Tuesday 16th December - Family Carol Service at All Saints Church (6pm)

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Panto and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 18th December - Family Together Service at 3.30pm

Friday 19th December - Last day of Term 2!

If you have a concern about your child's learning, please initially speak to their teacher at the end of the day or contact the Phase Leader email to arrange a meeting or phone call. For more information about SEND, please visit: [SEND | Birchington Church of England Primary School](#)