



Year 1 Newsletter

Term 1

What will be learning this term?

A big welcome to Year 1!

We have been working hard over the summer to create a positive and engaging learning environment to provide continuous provision alongside some more structured learning opportunities for the children. As the year progresses, we will support the children in moving towards more formal learning for more of their lessons while still allowing the freedom of learning through play during Challenge Time.

During Term 1, in Maths we are focussing on our number skills, counting forwards and backwards and looking at 1 more and 1 less. We will be using the language more than and less than when comparing and ordering numbers by looking at the digits.

In English lessons we are focussing on basic writing skills. The children will be using lots of sentences provided by us to order words and create sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will use lots of oral rehearsal before beginning to write our ideas. We will continue with Read Write Inc Phonics lessons and will focus on set 2 special friends, reading texts using the sounds we have learnt.

In Science, our topic is 'Weather'. We will be identifying seasonal changes, focussing mainly on the signs of Autumn.

In Geography, we will be learning about 'The UK'. We will be recognising the 4 countries of the UK and their capital cities. We will also be looking in more detail at London and its famous landmarks.

In RE, our big questions is, 'What do Christians believe God is like?' We look at the parable of the Lost Son and the messages behind it.

In PSHE we will be exploring how we can look after our emotions.

In Music we will be exploring the pulse and copying and playing rhythms using instruments.

We will be having PE with the sports coaches and will be focussing on developing our fine and gross motor skills through a variety of different games.

Homework

Weekly Expectations:

- Frequent reading logged in your Reading Record
- Weekly Phonics learning - read the spelling words and write the words. If you can, add sound buttons

During Week 1, a list of suggested Home Learning activities will be sent home in the Love to Learn Journal. Throughout the term, you are welcome to choose any of the activities and showcase what you have done in your Love to Learn book. The activities in the shaded boxes link to our learning in school. At the end of term, each class will have a 'Love to Learn Celebration Day' where we will have the opportunity to share our learning with each other and see what others have completed as well.

Please see the Home Learning Policy on the school website for more details.

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 1 st September	First day of Term 1
Wednesday 23 rd September	Come and See - Reading
Friday 25 th September	French Day
Friday 2 nd October	Poetry Day
Monday 5 th October	Poetry themed Birchington Book Club (children are welcome to bring a poetry book to school)
Friday 9 th October	Harvest Celebration
Thursday 15 th October	Love to Learn Celebration
Friday 16 th October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 2 nd November	First 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](#)