



Barkisland CE (VA) Primary School
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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to Year 1!

This newsletter will give you an overview of the learning for your child this term. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss anything in more detail, please make an appointment to speak, or meet, with me.

Let's have a great Autumn Term in Year 1!
Mrs Howarth



Key Information:

PE Days: Wednesday (INDOOR) and Thursday (OUTDOOR). Children should come to school in their PE kit, consisting of; blue PE t-shirt, shorts or joggers, Barkisland hoodie and suitable footwear.

Reading Books: Reading books will be sent home on a **Friday**, to be returned by the following **Monday**. The reading books will be linked to our Monster Phonics lessons. The children can also choose their own library book to bring home to enjoy with you. (please see reading box for further information)

Homework: Homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be due in on a Monday (please see homework box for further information)

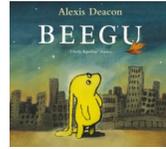
Staff: Mrs Howarth will be in class all day Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Butler will be in Year 1 on a Tuesday. Miss Cole will also support in class every Monday and Wednesday morning.



English

Autumn 1

We will begin this half term by practicing to write words and sentences, captions, labels and lists. We will also explore the story 'The Colour Monster' and complete some activities linked to this book.



We will be exploring the book 'Beegu' and will learn about instructional writing. We will write a set of instructions called 'How to look after a baby Beegu'.

Autumn 2

We will learn about non-chronological reports and write our own report linked to our Science topic 'Everyday Materials'.

We will explore the books 'A Letter to Santa'. We will learn about the features of a 'Recount' and then write our own letters to Santa.

We will have daily phonics lessons throughout the Autumn Term.



Homework

Homework will be set each Wednesday and should be completed by the following Monday at 5pm.

Homework will be uploaded to Seesaw or MyMaths and should be returned the same way. For login details, please contact the school office or the class teacher.

Homework during the Autumn Term will consist of 'Talking Homework', and either a piece of English or Maths homework.

If you have any problems with homework, be it a technical issue or your child finding it difficult, please let me know as soon as possible so we can resolve the issue together.

Mathematics

Throughout the Autumn Term we will look at;

- 1) Place Value (within 10)
- 2) Addition and Subtraction (Within 10)
- 3) Shape



We will be following the White Rose Maths scheme of work to consolidate, embed and extend our Mathematical fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.

With this newsletter is a copy of our long term plan and a break down of the learning that we will be covering this Autumn in small steps.

Other Information

Uniform - Please remember to label all of your child's uniform clearly with their name and check that your child comes home with their own clothing. Please can long hair always be tied up and accessories be of school colours.

Snack - Children are able to bring in a snack which they can eat during morning playtime at 10:30am. Please ensure that this is a healthy snack and does not contain nuts.

Daily Mile - We will aim to do the daily mile every afternoon.

Water Bottles - Water bottles must contain water only. Please can we ask that any water bottles which are brought into school have a 'sports' style cap/lid, so that if they are knocked over, it is less likely to cause spillages

Book Bags - Please can child only bring in a 'school book bag' with them each day. We do not have the space to store larger rucksacks. Thank you.

PSHE

This term we will be thinking about two questions linked to Relationships:

- Who is special to us?

This unit will help us to explore ourselves, people who care for us, people who love us, groups that we belong to and our families.

- What is similar and different about us?

This unit will help us to explore ourselves and others, similarities and differences, individualities and families.

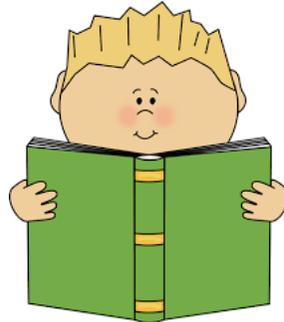


Reading

Books will be sent home on a **Friday** in a clear book wallet. They should be returned in the clear book wallet on the following **Monday**. Children should pass their reading book to the class teacher as they come into class on a Monday morning.

Our reading books will link to our phonics scheme 'Monster Phonics'. The book that they bring home will have been explored with a teacher during a guided reading session before the children bring it home, they will then already be familiar with the book.

The children will also be able to bring a library book home. They will be able to choose this book independently every Friday.



Religious Education

This term we will be focussing on two big questions:

- What makes some places sacred to believers?
- Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

We will take part in collective worship daily, and will have reflection time at the end of each day.



Computing

Autumn 1 - E-Safety

We will learn about all the different ways that we can keep ourselves and others safe when using the internet on computers, mobiles, tablets and gaming platforms. We will discuss how we should talk to others and what to do when someone uses unkind words or actions online. We will also talk about keeping our personal information safe and how people may not be who they say they are online.

Autumn 2 - Using a Computer

We will learn how to use a mouse and track pad, switching computers on and off safely and how to launch programmes such as internet explorer and Microsoft word.



Geography - Our Local Area

The topic that we will be learning throughout the Autumn term is called **'Our Local Area'** and this topic will focus on Geography. We will be exploring what makes Barkisland Village and the surrounding area unique and what we like and dislike about where we live. We will identify the difference between human and physical features and identify and sort features using photos, aerial photographs, drawings and maps. We will look at different types of houses and find out what type of house we live in. We will look at the United Kingdom including the four countries and their capital cities. We will learn about the four points of a compass. Our role play area will reflect our topic, initially it will be a home and then it will become a post office, just like we have in our local area!



Art /Design Technology

This term we will be using collage techniques to make 3D alien masks, linking to our English texts. We will design and plan our masks using sketching, collage experimentation and colour mixing. Afterwards we will work together to evaluate and critique our work, finding things that we like and things that we would improve next time.

In Autumn 2 we will produce Christmas art, including making 3D clay Christmas decorations, Christmas calendars and Christmas Cards.



Physical Education

Wednesday (Indoors) - Fundamentals - We will explore the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. We will explore these skills in isolation as well as in combination. Pupils will be given opportunities to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. Pupils will work collaboratively with others, taking turns and sharing ideas.

Thursday (Outdoors) - Ball Skills - We will explore fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling, hitting a target, dribbling with both hands and feet and kicking a ball. We will have the opportunity to work independently, in pairs and small groups. Pupils will be able to explore their own ideas in response to



Music

In Music we follow the Charanga music scheme. Our first unit is called 'Hey You,' where we will learn about old school hip hop and create our own rap song.

Our second unit is called 'Rhythm in the way we Walk,' where we will learn about hip hop and reggae music and create our own action songs.

