



BURNSIDE ACADEMY

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term - 2019



Literacy

This half term we will be working on narrative and recount writing styles. Our quality text is 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen.

The children will have a phonics session every morning in which we will focus on reading and writing that sound in words and in sentences. The children will take home ten spellings a week that will contain the sound that the children have been learning in phonics that week. Handwriting is important in Year 1 as the children must be forming their letters correctly at this stage. If you see your child forming letters back to front please encourage them to correct their mistake.



Maths

Over this half term the children will cover place value, counting, number, addition and subtraction. Within this they will learn to:



- Count, read and write numbers to 10 in numerals.
- Count and read numbers 1-10 in words.
- Count in multiples of two.
- Add and subtract one digit numbers within 10.
- Represent and use number bonds within 10.

Science

In Science, the children will be learning about animals and humans. We will be labelling the parts of the body for humans as well as animals. We will compare the structure of a human body and animal body and discuss the similarities and differences. We will also be identifying, naming and drawing the basic parts of the human body and linking the body parts to the senses.



Geography

In Geography we will be learning about our local area. We will use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school and its grounds. The children will describe the features of their local environment and express their likes and dislikes about their locality.

PE

In PE we will be playing games which encourage the children to think about the importance of exercise. The children will be taught how to exercise safely and will be able to recognise how their body changes when they do. As well as this we will be learning how to move and stop safely and how to roll, throw and catch a ball.

History

In History this half term, we are going to be thinking about changes within living memory. We will make this very personal to the children and allow them to think about their own history and how they have changed over the past few years. As part of this they will, describe the characteristics of old and new objects, use words related to chronology and understand the difference between things that happened in the past and the present.

Art and Design

In Art this term, the children are going to be working on their drawing skills. This will include looking at the work of some artists and discussing similarities between their work. The children will develop a wide range of art and design techniques. We will be; drawing lines of different shapes and thickness, describing patterns that we see, colouring in neatly, drawing with pencil, crayons and chalk to experiment with line.



Computing

In Computing, we will be learning how to use a computer. The children will develop their skills using a mouse and keyboard. The children will also develop their typing speed, using a range of games and programs in school. As well as this we will also be using technology to create graphs and pictograms.

Music

In Music we will be listening and appraising a variety of Hip-Hop songs. We will learn to sing songs, play instruments along side them and improvise with the song. We will also work on our ability to perform for others.

RE

This half term we will be looking at Christianity, this will include learning about important Christian symbols and learning what they mean. We will also be learning about Christian worship and learning about the different features that make up a church.

Reminders

- Ensure children complete and return their homework each week. Homework will be sent out on a Wednesday and will be expected to be returned into school on the following Monday.
- Year 1 will have PE on a Friday. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit consisting of a white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls.
- Please keep us up to date with your contact details, who will be collecting your child from school each day by updating your named adult list kept in school.
- **Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday.**
- Please ensure your child has their own water bottle in school every day and they bring it home for a regular clean.
- Your child will receive a list of spellings which will be sent home every Monday. The children will be expected to read and learn these spelling, ready for their test the following Monday. Please ensure that you help your child with this as spelling rules and patterns need to be embedded as soon as possible.
- All children will take a reading book home every day. Reading books should be returned everyday even if it has not been finished to ensure that the children make progress in their reading. A shared reading session at home is very valuable and rewarding. Children will respond positively to ten or fifteen minutes 'special reading time' at home. You can write a comment or just a smiley face in your child's Home-School Reading Record Book but please let us know when the book is finished so that we can change it. The children will receive a stamp every day they bring their reading book in. When they receive 10 stamps they will be given a prize.