

Dear Parents & Carers

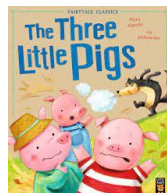
Welcome back. The children have all settled extremely well into Year One and we hope you and the children enjoyed the half-term break and that your child is now looking forward to continuing a happy and healthy journey in Key Stage One. This Curriculum Map details some of the main aspects of learning we will be looking at this half term. The transition between EYFS and Year 1 can sometimes be challenging for pupils; therefore, time will still also be spent on structured play-based learning in a Foundation-Stage friendly setting to help your child adjust. This will work alongside structured English, Phonics and Maths sessions, as well as challenges that will be set for your child to complete independently throughout the day and week.

This term Buzzards PE Days are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Your child should come into school wearing their Armfield PE kit on these days. There will be NO Healthy Heads this half term.

In English

Reading is one of the main priorities for our Year 1 children. Children will read with an adult in school three times a week through reading practise sessions. Alongside reading, children will also be given weekly phonics sounds and tricky words to practise at home and children will also engage in phonics and letter formation sessions daily at school.

Linked to the reading we are going to help children develop writing through looking at:



Stories with a Familiar Setting and writing instructions. Our focus text this half term will be *The Three Little Pigs* by Mara Alperin.

As Historians

In History we will learn why we celebrate certain events by exploring Guy Fawkes Night and Remembrance Day.



Once Upon A Time

Autumn 2



As Scientists

As Scientists the children will be exploring the use of every day materials.

In Maths

We are continuing to focus on learning number, place value, addition and subtraction skills. This half term, we will also be focusing on Geometry (Shape). Alongside learning these skills there will be a strong emphasis on problem solving and explaining their work out. The children will use a range of practical equipment to support their learning.

In R.E.

Children will be learning about Christian Christmas story and exploring the question: What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?

In P.E.

Gymnastics and games. Led by Mr Walters and Miss Cairns.

As Musicians

As Musicians, the children will begin to sing and perform Christmas songs.

Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, the children will be looking at structures and will have the opportunity to use a range of materials to make a house for the three little pigs.

In Computing

Texts and images – making Christmas cards.

In PSHE

Health and wellbeing: This year the school is pleased to be running the Healthy Heads Education Programme combining PSHE and PE. This will continue to run for 1 hour every Tuesday morning until the end of term. The course will focus on resilience, self-esteem, teamwork, growth-mindset & kindness.