

This term in Class One we will be exploring the topic of Hidden Treasures.

We will be finding the hidden treasures within our local community, including the local people, environment and wildlife. We will be looking closely at the artist David Hockney, studying his work and producing our own unique pieces of artwork.

How may I help my child?

Autumn Term is a big step for the children moving into Foundation 2. They will have daily phonic and number sessions which will progress rapidly. I will be sending home the children`s reading packs this week, and will be holding a parents` information meeting to explain how you can support your child at home.

The children will also start their weekly challenge books next week. These are short activities to do at home, to share and enhance our learning at school. This has become an invaluable link between home and school life, with an aim to communicate learning with you in a fun and meaningful way for your child. These are normally set on a Friday, and the children are given an opportunity to share their challenge work with the class the following Friday.

At Burton Agnes School, we follow the White Rose Maths scheme of work. Parents are able to access the White Rose Maths website for free, where you can find lots of practical ways to help your child develop their problem solving skills and love of number. Simple activities like counting to twenty in the car on the way to school, or counting the peas on your dinner plate are simple but extremely effective.

Now the children have moved into Reception, there is an expectation that they will tackle day to day tasks increasingly independently. For example; dressing and undressing for PE, putting their coats on and zipping them up, using a knife and fork at dinner time. These little changes help your child to develop confidence and resilience in a busy school environment. Helping your child to practise these skills at home would be much appreciated, as well as sending the children in clothes that are easier to manage on PE days. Tights and pinafore dresses are often tricky ones. PE lessons will take place on a Monday and Thursday.

The children in Foundation 1 will be spending time getting to know the routines of school life. Simple routines like saying goodbye to a parent in the playground, before walking into school on their own, demonstrate a secure and independent child who is ready to learn. They will take part in daily group activities working on their speaking and listening skills, and will begin to form those special friendships that will last throughout their school life. Taking turns, learning to share toys and resources, and listening to and helping others are all essential skills that can be worked on both at home and in school.

If your child remains in school for a school dinner, please support us in encouraging them to use a knife and fork, independently to eat their dinner. This will help make dinner times a stress free and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Please don`t hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns. My door is always open.

Mrs Lee