

Year 1 Newsletter



Welcome to Year 1!

Welcome back after a lovely Summer break.

This year the teachers in Year 1 are Mx Clark (Holly), Mrs Shah (Oak).

Our teaching assistants are Mrs G. Bi, Mrs A. Bi, Mrs Parveen, Miss Khanum and Miss Mandy.



School Trips

This Autumn Term, we have lots of fun activities happening in school, including European Language day, Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day.

We are also going on a trip to Touchstones Museum in Rochdale to visit the art gallery.

We are also having a Drama workshop from Altrus who will be coming into school to teach us all about Florence Nightingale.

***** Please remember to bring in your water bottle every day with your child's name on it*****

Year 1 Homework

Spellings

Your child will bring Spellings home on a Friday and he/she needs to learn these for at least 10 minutes each night. There will be a spelling test the following Friday.

Reading

Reading will also form a key part of the Year 1 homework. A passion for reading is very important in Year 1, as we will be exploring lots of stories. Please encourage your child to keep reading for enjoyment and we suggest at least 10 minutes reading every day. Your child has a Reading Record which we would like signing by a responsible adult who hears your child read. We will be monitoring the reading records so please make sure their book and Reading Record is sent in to school every day- your child could win a prize for super reading!!!

Phonics Videos

Every fortnight we will send your child home with a letter full of QR codes which will take you to Read Write Inc phonics videos. You can access QR codes by hovering over them with a camera from a tablet or phone. With the upcoming phonics tests this year, we ask that you view one video a day.



For your
Calendar:

European Language Day - 26th September
Art Gallery trip - 11th October

Altrus drama workshop - 31st October
& 1st November

Y1 Autumn Curriculum

Our new Topic for Autumn 1 is 'Ourselves'.

We look closely at the human body in Science, talk about our personal history in History, learn about our school in Geography and make toys of ourselves in DT.

Our topic for Autumn 2 is 'Heroes'.

We look closely at the brilliant work of Florence Nightingale and how she changed the way we practice medicine.

English

At Greenbank Primary School, we follow Read Write Inc. This includes daily phonics and English lessons. We have adopted the Colourful Semantics approach for English, to help children structure sentences for writing.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning place value within 10, addition and subtraction within 10, and shape. In class we will be doing lots of counting forwards and backwards, improving the speed of our addition and subtraction, and making sure our number formation is correct.

Our Author

Our Author this term is Jill Murphy who writes brilliant books such as 'Five Minutes Peace', 'Whatever Next' and 'On Our Way Home'.

Now we are in Year 1 we are trying to develop our independence as learners. We need to remember to be ready for learning for every lesson and remember our own reading books and homework.

Can we please remind parents to ensure names are placed in all items of clothing, including ties and water bottles.

If you have anything you wish to discuss with the Year 1 staff please make an appointment. You could also see staff after school when collecting your child.



PE lessons

PE lessons will be on Thursday afternoons. All children **must** come in their PE kits.

Autumn 1 = Fundamental Movement Skills
Autumn 2 = Dance

