



Bramham and Shadwell Federation

Curriculum Newsletter: Class 1 April – May 2025



English		Maths		Science	Geography
Focus Units: We are continuing the Read Write Inc Scheme in Year 1 for phonics, reading and writing. <ul style="list-style-type: none">In phonics, the children will be consolidating the sounds they know already and learning unusual spelling sounds.In reading, the groups will have a new focus book every week. Each day, the children will read the books for fluency and expression, answer comprehension questions and write sentences relating to the story.In writing, while we will continue to focus on handwriting accuracy and consistency, we are focusing on conjunctions (and, because, but), exclamation marks and question marks.We will be practising the spelling of Year 1 high frequency words.The children will be learning to use the prefix –un and the suffixes –ing, –ed and –s/es.		Focus Units: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consolidating multiplication and division. The children will continue to practise their times tables in class (2s, 5s, 10s).Exploring numbers to 100.Money: recognise and understand the value of coins and notes.Fractions: making halves, quarters, grouping and sharing.Time: telling the time to an hour and half an hour on an analogue clock. KIRF: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Know number bonds for each number to ten.		Focus: Growing Plants The children will be looking at the signs of Spring and learning how plants grow. They will focus on the different parts of the plants and their functions, the life cycle of a plant and what a plant needs to grow. We will have lots of fun outside: planting sunflower seeds and observing their growth. They will be able to practise their measuring maths skills by using different units to measure the plants as they grow.	Focus: The Arctic. Following our history topic on explorers to Antarctica, we are learning about the geography of the Arctic. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Where it is on EarthThe climate and weatherThe arctic coastlineThe animalsThe people who live there and their way of lifeThe different countries in the arctic circle
Art: Sculpture	P.E: Team Games and Athletics	Computing: Creating Media – Digital Writing	PSHE: Careers, Financial Capability and Economic Wellbeing	Music: Exploring Pitch	RE: What does it mean to belong to a community of belief?
The children will begin by recognising and describing different types of sculpture. Then exploring and describing the texture and patterns in ice sculptures before designing their own. The children will make and evaluate their ice sculptures.	This half term, children will take part in team games and athletics, developing fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, and throwing. They will learn to work cooperatively, follow simple rules, and build confidence in a range of physical activities.	Children will use a laptop and familiarise themselves with typing and beginning to use tools to change the look of their writing. For e-safety, we are finding out about e-mails and why they are a good way to communicate.	Children will learn about money and where it comes from. They will consider choices when spending money and explore a range of jobs people do. They will also complete a MindMate lesson on setting goals and targets.	This half term, children will be identifying and describing pitch. They will explore the sounds created by different instruments and voices. Children will use a variety of instruments to compose simple sound effects to accompany a story.	The children will learn what it means to belong to a faith community, understand what they might see in a religious building and why people go there. They will begin to identify similarities and differences between religious places of worship, within and between faith communities.

Helping at Home

Here are some helpful reminders of the resources you can access at home to support your child's learning and key vocabulary that we would encourage you to explore with your child to help them with their learning.

English	We would encourage all children to read for 15 minutes regularly. (Please log what they have read in their reading record) They will have... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a copy of the Read Write Inc book they are reading in class, a bookbag book that relates to the book they are reading in class, a fun book from the reading corner. The children will get a new fun book on a Monday and all Read Write Inc books are changed on a Friday; please could these books be brought every Friday along with their reading records.
Maths	Online access to Numbots Practise KIRF (key instant recall facts) at home: see above.
Science	Key vocabulary: leaf, root, bud, flowers, petals, stem, blubs, seeds
Computing	Please encourage your child to have a go at typing on a laptop or keyboard.
Geography	Key vocabulary: Arctic Circle, coast, ice floes, ice burg, glaciers
Art	Key vocabulary: sculpture, medium, texture, sculptor, design, pattern
PE	Tying shoelaces and zipping up coats. Play a variety of games that include jumping, running, hopping, skipping.
PSHE	Key vocabulary: money, save, jobs, career, economic
Music	Key Vocabulary: Cuckoo call, High/Higher/Highest, Jump, Leap Low/Lower/ Lowest, Melody, Pitch, Scale, Slide Up/Down. Listen to a variety of music with your child. Encourage them to sing along to their favourite songs and to clap out the beat.
RE	Key vocabulary: community, belong, faith, worship, symbol

Other ways to support at home:

- Use money in real life:** Give children small shopping tasks or let them help with budgeting – great for developing practical maths skills such as counting, calculating change, and understanding value.
- Explore outdoors:** Encourage curiosity by going on nature walks or bug hunts. Children can collect leaves, sketch what they see, or keep a simple nature journal – supporting science, observation, and vocabulary skills.

Dates for the Diary and any other information

Our PE day will be Monday; please could children come into school in PE kit.

Summer 1

Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May - Food ambassadors - running 'just one more' campaign to encourage healthy eating habits.

Wednesday 21st May - Olympian school visit

Summer 2

Tuesday 3rd June - Children's First Aid training

Friday 13th June - Father's Day shop

Tuesday 24th June - Parent coffee morning 9-11am

Thursday 26th June - Sports day

Thursday 3rd July - Back up sports day

Wednesday 9th July - Progress Cafe - Yr1,2,3