

# Year 1 Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 1: Thu 3 Sep - Fri 23 Oct

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to Year 1, after an abrupt end to your child's first year at school, I hope that this year will be more settled and filled with new challenges and exciting learning. This newsletter will provide you with some important information about what your children will be learning, as well as giving you notice about some events we have planned for the Autumn term. I am looking forward to getting to know both you and your child, as we work as a partnership this year, making lasting learning memories. My aim is to ensure the children experience a smooth transition from the Early Years to Key Stage one, so they become motivated, enthused and eager learners.

**Routines:** PE days are Mondays and Thursdays. Please encourage your child to get dressed and undressed independently at home, to help with changing at school. All PE kits need to be clearly labelled.

The children need to bring a named water bottle with a suitable open/close lid, to avoid spillages.

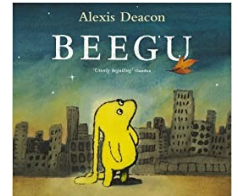
Year 1 will change their reading book once a week. Each child will be given a specific day of the week they will need to bring their reading books and reading diaries in. On Fridays, the children will also bring home a library book. Spellings will be given out and tested on Fridays with a combination of statutory spelling rules and non-negotiable words. In addition to this, we will also be sending out maths learn by heart facts with a focus on number bonds to 6, for this half-term. Homework will go out on a Friday and be collected in on a Wednesday.

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On **Thursday 22nd October**, Year 1 will be going on their first school to Nell Bank! You will receive more information on this trip in the next couple of weeks.

**Maths:** In Maths, we will begin with a focus on place value within 10. Children will be sorting, counting & representing objects. They will be learning to use the greater than, less than and equals symbols. We shall also be looking at ordinal numbers. We will move on to addition and subtraction; learning number bonds to 10, finding the difference and counting back amongst other skills.

**English:** In English, we will be looking at Alexis Deacon's fantastic text 'Beegu'. We will be looking at sentences, full stops, finger spaces and capital letters. We will also be thinking about extending our vocabulary by using interesting adjectives and we will look at different types of writing such as character descriptions and letters.



**Curriculum topic– Baildon.** In our curriculum lessons we will be describing and identifying where we live, including the house type and our addresses. We will be looking at maps and satellite photos of Baildon and discussing the human and physical features in Baildon. We will also explore local woodlands and parts of Baildon that make it unique.

**Science:** In Science we will be learning about **Animals including Humans**. We will identify and name parts of the body and link the 5 senses to parts of the body. We will also be looking at the difference between things that are living and non-living.

**R.E :** We will be focusing on the question **'What do Christians believe God is like?'** The children will learn what a parable is and explore the story of 'The Lost Son' and recognise a link with the concept of God as a forgiving Father. Children will also learn ways in which Christians show their belief in God.

If you have any issues, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can catch me in the playground, before or after school for a quick chat, write a note in your child's diary, or we can arrange an after school meeting if a longer conversation is needed.

Thank you in advance for your support

Mrs Dunne