



Burlish Park Primary Year 1

Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to the first Year 1 Newsletter. We will share information about the topics we will be focusing on in the Autumn Term and make you aware of key information that will help you in those first few weeks.

Reading As readers, we will be focusing on our listening skills through a range of exciting texts. The children will be encouraged to use these skills to gain an understanding of what they have read and explain this to others. We will share our love of words and talk about the meanings of new words.	Writing As writers, we will be practising our handwriting skills, using special handwriting lines to enable us to form our letters correctly. We will be writing sentences using our phonic knowledge to spell words as well as using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.	Maths As mathematicians, we will be securing our knowledge and skills already taught in Reception including oral counting, counting objects (remembering our 1:1 correspondence), subitising, patterns and shapes. All children will have the opportunity to use a variety of mathematical equipment including Numicon, Rekenreks, tens frames and bead strings.
Science As scientists , we will be asking the question What is special about me? They will learn about body parts, senses and explore the difficulties faced by people who do not have body parts that work well or that are different. They will explore the life of Helen Keller and how her work supports those with disabilities.	Computing As digital creators, we will be introducing the children to early programming skills. The children will learn how to use individual commands, both with other children and as part of a computer program. 	Music As musicians, we will be learning about a famous composer from Finland called Jean Sibelius who composed the famous piece of music 'Finlandia'. 
History As historians, the children will be learning about Living History. Pupils will explore what we can learn from older people about how life has changed in living memory.	Geography As geographers, the children will use a range of map and fieldwork skills to explore the school, its grounds and the local area. We will be exploring the area around our school as part of our field work.	My Life In My Life, the children will be thinking about our feelings, emotions and behaviour. We will also be thinking about and naming people who are special to us and what makes us special.
Design Technology The Design Technology curriculum has been updated ready for September and we will let you know more information in Autumn term.	Art As artists, the children will be exploring drawing. Finding out how artists make marks in different ways. We will be looking at various familiar book illustrations for inspiration.	PE As sportspeople, we will be learning all about health and fitness and participating in gymnastics and games. 
RE In our RE lessons the children will be learning about Harvest and discussing the question 'What does it mean to belong to a faith or belief community? They will give opinions and listen to the opinions of others.	Daily Reading at Home Each child has their own personal Oxford Owl login so they can access the Read Write Inc phonics book they are reading each week. This is the most important book to read at home. Children will also receive a book band levelled book as an alternative.	Spelling We will have a weekly spelling quiz based on the spelling rule we are learning in class. New spellings will be given out on a Monday for a test the following Monday. Further information about how to access the weekly spelling list and associated online games will be shared in September.

- **Pencil cases-** We will provide all the stationery that the children require. They do not need their own pencil cases.
- **Forest School-** The children will have the opportunity to visit our wonderful Forest School and partake in exciting sessions led by Mrs Williams. The children will visit in small groups on a rotational basis and you will be informed of specific dates relating to your child's visit in a further letter. Forest School day will be Monday.
- **PE-** Our PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday please ensure PE kits are in school every week.
- **Library** – We will visit the school library once a week we will confirm the day with you.
- **Trips** - We are planning a trip to Worcester Cathedral at the end of the autumn term. Further information to follow.