



BUCKTON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL & YEAR GROUP CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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It has been lovely to welcome our Reception children into school, and we are really looking forward to the days that they stay for the full day. They have settled in so well and we are very proud of them and I hope you felt that when you popped in this afternoon for afternoon tea and a chat.

We cannot wait for them to stay for lunch next week.

Please remember that as from Monday the reception coach will pick them up at 11:10am from Buckton.

Thank You!

Thank you for all those that attended the meeting yesterday and the questions you raised. Your input is invaluable to help us shape our plans going forward.

Following on from the meeting last night, I wanted to give you some further updates on what we are doing.

We are currently shaping a strategy for when the days get darker. As Mr Watson said last night, gaining some shelter and lighting for you all is a priority, as we know that some of you have concerns around drop off and pick up in the winter months. As always, as soon as we have full clarity around that we will share it with you.

We have been working closely with the coach company and hopefully you will have seen that the coaches have been consistently arriving on time in the morning. We have been assured that it will continue this way, and morning coaches arrive at 8:45am. Once the children have been seatbelted, we will depart, so please do try to be on time to avoid missing the coach.

As we are now staying at Pineham Barns for longer than we anticipated, we are working with Pineham Barns to explore what extra-curricular activities we can offer from next term. As we said last night, we won't be able to provide transport to and from these clubs due to staffing, but for those who were keen to drop off or pick up themselves, we will be in touch once we have the clubs organised.

Curriculum Overviews

Please see the next few pages for a detailed overview of the topics and areas that your child will be studying this term. There is a separate page for each Year Group.

If you have any questions regarding these please contact your child's class teacher.

Welcome to Reception!

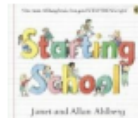
We have had a brilliant first few weeks in Reception, all the children have thoroughly enjoyed making new friends and getting to know each other. They have settled in wonderfully and we are so proud of them! The Reception team are looking forward to helping your child flourish in their first year at school. Please see below all the exciting things your child will be learning this term.

Literacy

We will be sharing stories about starting school, different families and making friends. Thank you for your family photos which you sent in. The children have thoroughly enjoyed showing them and discussing who is in their family. We will be continuing to share them this term.

Phonics

As part of the Essential Letters and Sounds Phonics programme, we have started daily phonics and have integrated this into our environment. This will help children progress with their early reading. We are encouraging the children to listen to the initial sound in a word, for example: **s** & **t**.



Outdoor Classroom

The children have been loving the outdoor provision, the bikes have been a fan favourite! We continue to encourage the children to be responsible for tidying up and respecting our outdoor classroom.



Maths

This term we are starting with number, where we will be developing children's number recognition using Numberblocks and Numicon. Children have different opportunities throughout the day to count and recognise numbers within the provision.

Reception Autumn Term 1



Miss Hendrey & Miss Stevens

How you can help at home

- You can practise counting in real life scenarios, for example how many bananas in the fruit bowl?
- Finger gym exercises on YouTube

Handwriting

In handwriting lessons, we are developing gross and fine motor skills, which take place both indoors and outdoors. Children will develop their core muscles to help their actions involved in handwriting, we use playdough, bubble wrap and more! They have plenty of opportunities to mark make throughout the day, in our provision.

Bertie's Star

Please welcome Bertie! Each week Bertie will choose a star of the week; this pupil will have the opportunity to take him home for the weekend. You can decorate Bertie's Travel Book with photos of your fun. More to follow...

Reminders

- Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled
- Water bottles will be sent home on a Friday, please clean and return on Monday
- Please call or email the school office if you would like to speak to a teacher concerning your child, we will call you back as soon as possible.
- Please inform your child's class teacher or office if someone else is picking your child up that day

Welcome to Year 1

TTF - Mrs Foulser and Mrs Lloyd

1AW - Miss Wright, Mr Webb and Miss Wilson

Literacy and Maths

In Literacy this term, we will be looking at Setting and Character descriptions, using the books 'The Gruffalo' and 'Stickman'. The children will learn the non-negotiables of writing and how to include description to interest the reader. The children are continuing to learn the cursive handwriting style and practise this every day during our day.

In Maths, we will be focusing on securing the understanding over numbers to 50 and beyond, including reading and writing numbers in numerals and in words. Children will also use a variety of practical resources to estimate numbers and represent them in different ways. The children will be consolidating their knowledge of 2D shapes and their properties, measuring and comparing length, looking at Venn diagrams and looking at fractions of shapes.

Phonics and Handwriting

As in Reception, the children will continue to have Phonics and Handwriting sessions every morning. This year we will be teaching the children sounds from Phase 5. This will help to prepare them for their end of year Phonics Test, which is a national requirement.

We follow the Essential Letters and Sounds Phonics Scheme and use cursive handwriting.

PE



Your children will take part in weekly PE sessions with Mr Mooney. Year One's PE day is a **Thursday**.

Please ensure that on this day, your child comes to school in their PE kit.

This term, the children will be focusing on hand eye coordination and ball skills.

Geography

As part of our topic, 'The World Around Us', we will be learning about our local area, observing its human and physical features. We will also be looking at what animals live here and their habitats. This will include going on local walks around the school to make observations of our surroundings.

The World Around Us



RE and Music

Our RE focus in Year One is Christianity. This term we will be looking at the beliefs of a Christian and their place of worship.

In Music we follow the Charanga Scheme and this term will be learning all about pulse, rhythm and pitch.

Science

In Science, the children will learn about animals and humans, focusing on the different categories of animals and their structures. They will also learn about humans, naming different parts of the body and comparing animals and humans. We will learn about the seasons and how the things around us change.

Computing

During our computing sessions this term, the children will learn how to stay safe online and will learn key skills on the laptop including, how to log on independently, navigate a laptop and start to use several programs.

How can you support your child?

We ask that you read with your child at home at least 3 times a week. We appreciate that this is not always possible so please just do what you can!

On **Monday 25th September**, your child will be sent home with their first set of spellings. These will continue to be sent home every Monday and their test will be the following Monday. Please help your child with practising these at home.

Wellbeing

As always, the children's wellbeing is our highest priority. We will continue to have **Wellbeing Wednesdays** every week where the children will have an assembly from our Wellbeing lead, Mrs Foulser, and will take part in Wellbeing sessions in the afternoon. We also will be following our RSHE curriculum teaching the children all about positive relationships.

Art

This term in Art, the children will be looking at the skill of creating spirals with a variety of mediums, such as chalk, oil pastels and paints. They have also been their very own sketch books to personalise which will encourage them to express themselves!

Thank you!

We just wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our incredible families for your support during this difficult time. We are, as always, so proud of your children for the resilience and positivity they have shown and we continue to feel so lucky to be a part of such a supportive community. As always, we are here for you all and if you do ever need to speak to us!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26th September – Welcome to Year One Meeting. 2:30pm at Pineham Barns .

Tuesday 10th October – Mental Health Day. The children are invited to wear yellow.

Thursday 19th October – Pumpkin Day. Details to follow.

Wednesday 1st November – Macmillan Coffee afternoon at Pineham Barns 2:30pm, for parents.

Thursday 2nd November – Halloween disco. Details to follow.

Coming soon – Year One trip to Salcey Forest. Details and date to be confirmed.

Autumn Term in Year 2

Mr Pender and Miss Betts

Literacy

In Literacy this term, the children will be focusing on a wide range of different writing styles. We will be looking at setting descriptions, instructions, character descriptions and persuasive letters and the different features of each of these.

We will begin to introduce your children to new vocabulary for them to use within their writing. We will continue to work on handwriting daily to ensure that their writing is consistent and that they are correctly forming the letters. If you wish to have any support with handwriting at home, please speak to your class teacher.

Dates for Parents

Please keep an eye out in the newsletters for any upcoming events. We have a wide range of exciting things planned for this half term!

Grown Ups

We just wanted to say a huge **thank you** to all of you for supporting us and our children during these challenging times. We are so proud of how well the children have adapted and feel so lucky to be a part of such a great community. We would ask that you continue to read with your child 3 times a week if possible, we know that it may not always be the case! The children will be coming home with **Spellings and Homework** every **Friday** and these will be due the following Friday. As always, if you ever need to speak to us, we are always more than happy to help!

Maths

In Maths this term, the children will be covering Number and Calculations.

For this unit, we will have a huge focus on Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. The children will be working on number up to 100 and beyond. We will also be teaching Arithmetic and Reasoning weekly to help support children's skills ready for testing. We are easing them in gently to ensure that they have all the skills they need as they move up the school. The children will be coming home with TT Rockstar logins in a couple of weeks to aid their multiplication, more details will be sent out about this in the next coming weeks, so please keep an eye out!



Science

In Science, we will be learning about Animals Including Humans. The children will build upon their scientific skills and knowledge and conduct some fun experiments! The children will continue with their Eco Science and learn all about how to help the planet.

Art and Design

During Art and Design this term, the children will complete the unit "Explore the World through Monochrome". They will look at a range of artists who have created monochrome drawing and will learn and enhance the skills needed for sketching and drawing.

RE and Music

In RE this term, the children will continue focusing on Christianity. In Music this term, the children will be learning all about pulse, rhythm and pitch and will begin to use a range of musical instruments.

Curriculum

During Curriculum this term, the children will complete the topics Tour de Europe and The English Civil War. In Autumn 1, The children will be gaining new knowledge about Europe and focusing on a wide range of countries, comparing them to the UK. During Autumn 2, the children will learn about the history of the English Civil War and why it was monumental in English history. The children will write a diary entry for the day in the life of one of the soldiers.

PE and Computing

The children will have PE every **Tuesday** with Mr Mooney and will be focusing on coordination and ball skills. Please ensure your child comes in PE on this day. In Computing, the children will be learning all about Information and Technology and then moving into looking at Photography and how we can use technology to capture images.

Wellbeing

As always, the children's wellbeing is our highest priority. We will continue to have Wellbeing Wednesdays every week during the afternoon sessions. We will be following of RSHE curriculum and will be teaching the children all about positive relationships.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tuesday 26th September - 2.30pm - Welcome to Year One

Wednesday 27th September - 2:30pm - Welcome to Year Two

Tuesday 10th October – Mental Health Awareness Day

Wednesday 1st November – 2-3pm – Buckton Fields and Pineham Barns invite you into school for a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 2nd November – Halloween Disco - 3:30 – 5pm

Tuesday 7th November – 5pm – 8pm – Parents Evening

Thursday 9th November – 5pm – 8pm – Parents Evening

Friday 10th November – Diwali Celebration Day

Tuesday 21st November – Year One Tudor Celebration Day

Tuesday 5th December – Year 1 and 2 – Trip to the theatre to watch Cinderella

Thursday 7th December – Reception – Trip to the theatre to watch Stickman

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Crafts and Reindeers

[More dates to follow once we have them confirmed](#)