



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



Toys

Welcome to Year 1! We are so looking forward to spending time with the children this year and have some fantastic things planned. During our history lessons we will be looking at the history of toys. As part of the project we will be visiting Bekonscot on **Monday 19th October 2026** to see how people used to play and the toys they had in the past. If you know of anyone who has any toys from the past (e.g. parents, grandparents) and they would like to come in to share their photographs, memories or items with the children please do let us know as we would love them to share your experiences with the children.

If you would like to contact us, you can email us on our school email addresses:

Kiwi Class (Mrs Barlow & Mrs Baxter) kiwi@broughtoninfant.bucks.sch.uk

Koala Class (Miss Punt) koala@broughtoninfant.bucks.sch.uk

We will be checking these emails at least once a week, however, if you have an urgent request (that needs a response that day) we do ask that you contact the school office so it can be dealt with promptly.

English:

Autumn 1: Weekly "Drawing Club" books (focusing on writing at least one sentence a day).

Outcomes: Sentences with a capital letter, full stop, finger spaces and with phonetically plausible spellings.

Autumn 2: Grandad's Island (Benji Davies)

Purpose: Inform

Outcomes: Letter & setting description

Maths: Place value (within 10), addition and subtraction (within 10) and shape.

Science: The human body & it's senses. Materials and their properties (What material would make the best curtains?). Seasonal change (exploring the changes in Autumn).

Geography: Identifying the 7 continents of the world, naming and locating the 5 oceans of the world and recognizing the hot and cold parts of the world (including the equator and the northern/ southern hemispheres). Looking at how we can improve the school grounds (map skills, describing human/ physical features).

History: Learning about the history of toys and how toys have changed now.

Art: Colour mixing (making secondary colours).

DT: Designing and making moving Christmas card

PSHE: Being Me in My World & Celebrating Differences

RE: What do Christians believe about God? What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?

PE: Lacrosse and gymnastics

Computing: Improving Mouse Skills and Algorithms Unplugged

Music: Fairytales (Rhythm and Timbre)

Learning Behaviour: Responsibility & Kindness

Timetable

Start: 8:40am

Finish: 3:10pm

PE

Wednesday

Children will come into school in PE kits. All children must have a house colour top, black or navy shorts. Trainers, black or navy joggers and jumpers will be required for outdoor PE.

Library

Wednesday

Please have your library books in school.

Show and Tell Please do not bring in any show and tell. We only share our homework and any achievements (e.g. certificates/ trophies) in Year 1.

Equipment:

All children must have a named water bottle, waterproof coat and wellies in school every day. All equipment is provided. Please remember a sun hat and sun cream on sunny days.

Snacks:

Healthy snacks are encouraged, e.g. fruit and cereal bars. No sweets, chocolate or crisps please. Please help us to be careful of nut allergies and not send any nut products to school.

Homework:

Reading - You should read with your child at least 5 times a week at home (for 10mins).

Home reading books should be brought in with your child's reading journal each Thursday.

Their new books will be given out on Fridays.

Maths - Active Learn/ Power Maths (minimum x1 a week)

Topic Homework:

There is a topic homework sheet attached.

Dates

1.9.26/2.9.26: INSETs
3.9.26: First Day Back
14.09.26: Flu immunisations
23.9.26: Open classroom
01.10.26: Individual photos
19.10.26: Trip to Bekonscot
21.10.26: Parents Evenings
23.10.26: Last day
2.11.26: INSET
3.11.26: Return to school
2.12.26: Open classroom
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performances TBC
08.12.26: Waterside Theatre Pantomime
18.12.26: Break up from school

Our Team

Kiwi teachers:

Mrs Barlow (Mon, Tues & Weds) & Mrs Baxter
(Thurs & Friday)

Koala teachers:

Miss Punt

Kiwi LSA:

Mrs Hussain

Koala LSA:

Miss Capper

Cover teachers:

P.E: Mr Hearne, P.S.H.E Mrs A and Mrs Fifoot

Thank you for your support
Year 1 team

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Optional

Look at a world map and find where you have been (e.g. on holiday or to see your family). You could also find out what continent these countries are in.

You could also bring in photographs or postcards from your journeys to different countries.

Optional

Go for a visit around your local area. Look at things that are good for the environment (plants, recycling bins, solar panels) and look at things that are damaging the environment (cars, rubbish).

Think about how things could be made better.

Please choose at least one to complete at home and bring in to school to share with your teacher and peers.

Optional

Speak to older members of your family to find out how their childhoods were similar to or different from yours.

Ask them about what their toys were like when they were a child.

You could: Draw pictures or write what they say or you could record them to share with the class.

Don't forget, if you find someone you know has toys from the past they can come into school to share these with the class.

Optional

Design a new toy.

You could:

Draw it

Paint it

Make it

Design a prototype for it

Make a video explaining what it is like

Essential

Choose your favourite toy at home and either bring it into school or bring a photo of it in - Autumn 2, date TBC