



Briscoe Lane Academy

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Welcome to Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome all parents, carers and children! We are excited for all children to be back at school and cannot wait to see you all grow over the next academic year.

Welcome back

A big welcome to all the pupils in Year 1! It is great to see you all and all of those happy faces as we begin our new term. The teachers have been hard at work preparing for the new term and sorting the Year 1 classrooms to get them ready for a new academic year. This year is a really significant year in school for your child as it is a big transition from EYFS to Key Stage 1. The children will start to move away from continuous provision and have a more structured day working from the National Curriculum. They will become confident and begin to become more independent learners this year and develop the many skills they have learnt already! We are aiming for a 'can do' attitude from all pupils this year who show respect and are kind to others.

Communication

Teachers will be opening their classroom doors for a few minutes before school each day at 8:40 to greet the children and will be at the door after school until all children have been dismissed. We understand that you may be anxious to meet your new child's teacher and have lots of questions, so please feel free to speak to us if you have any queries.

Curriculum

This term, Year 1 will be focusing on reading, writing and maths in our morning sessions and topic learning in the afternoon. For Phonics learning this year, we will be following the 'Read Write Inc' scheme. You can access resources and videos to support your child at home on youtube and on the Oxford Owl website (start from set 1 sounds). Phonics clubs and boosters will begin in the coming weeks. Please see below the links to some useful phonics websites that will support the learning of phonics at home and the phonics set sounds in the order in which they will be learnt.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

We will also be doing maths daily, including maths mastery with your child to develop their skills. Here are some useful sites to use for maths learning at home.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=Year%201%20maths>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

Through topic learning of our foundation subjects such as History, Geography, RE, Art and Music we will be exploring and learning lots of new things.

History: We will be learning all about simple chronology. The children will be taken on a journey back in time, exploring what a timeline is and how toys and technology has changed in the past and focusing on the present.

RE we will be looking at what religion is and what it means to people. We will take a specific deep dive into Islam this term and what it means to be a Muslim. We find it extremely important that throughout the children's time at school they get a chance to cover all religions. So while they are here with us through year 1-6 we will cover each of the 6 main religions.





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Music: This term the children will be learning a range of different songs, we will be focusing on active listening, beat, movement and progression.

WOW: We will also be doing our WOW curriculum which links to our RESPECT values which we will be referring to daily - Resilience, Empathy, Self-awareness, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork! We will need to use all of our values to successfully complete our learning together this year!

Home Learning: To help support your child at home, we encourage parents to read with your child at least 3 x per week and sign their reading record diary with a date and signature. Frequent reading will enable your child to increase their language fluency, comprehension skills and reading stamina. Please bring book bags, reading book and reading record diaries every day so the children can read in class. They will also be given a class library book to take home for parents/ carers to read with them for pleasure. Your child will also be coming home with Fridge words; these words are words we have been learning in our vocabulary lesson. Please ask your child the word and see if they can remember the meaning!

General Information

Water bottles – Please send your child in with a reusable water bottle each day with their name clearly labelled. The children have access to these during the morning, lunch and also playtimes. Keeping hydrated is really important. Polite reminder – please only send water in your child's bottle. Fizzy drinks and strong juice are not allowed as we are a healthy school.

Fruit – During morning playtimes we do have fruit available for every child each day.

PE – We ask that you please provide your child with a PE kit. This is a white T-shirt and black shorts with either black trainers or pumps.

PE Days: 1LA Miss Ashworth – Monday PM ; 1CJ Miss Jones -Monday PM ; 1MW– Miss Millership and Miss Wolstenholme – Tuesday PM

Drop off and collection

School starts at 8:40 and the children are expected to line up on the playground outside their classrooms. School ends at 3:15, please ensure you are on time for collection as many of the year 1 teachers and Teaching assistants have booster clubs after school and late pick-ups delay these sessions. If you have more than 1 child in the school, please pick up the younger sibling first as some children can become upset if they are left last.

Our Year 1 Team

KS1 lead- Mrs Wilkinson; **1LA** – Miss Ashworth and Mrs Beaumont; **1MW** – Miss Millership, Miss Wolstenholme and Miss Burke-Thompson and **1CJ-** Miss Jones and Miss Ormrod

We are really looking forward to working with your child this year and hope that they enjoy their time in Year 1 and always try to do their very best 😊.

