



*Year 1*  
*Bushmead Primary School*

Autumn Term 1 2024

**Good Morning Parents and Carers,**

**Our Value for September is co-operation**

**Our well-being theme this half term is to connect with others**

## **General Information**

Welcome to the beginning of Year 1. We are pleased to say that the children have settled back into school really well and are enjoying being back with their friends and teachers. The Year 1 team are all looking forward to helping the children ensure a smooth and happy transition from Foundation Stage into Key Stage 1.

### School Uniform & P.E

Please ensure your child comes to school every day wearing the correct uniform, you will have already received clear messages about this and this information is also displayed on our website. In addition, PE clothing should be regarded as a uniform and not simply sportswear. The correct uniform for PE is plain black shorts or plain black joggers (tracksuit trousers) which are unbranded, a plain white t-shirt with no logos and a plain unbranded black hoodie. Black or white trainers are also required.

### P.E days

Hazel - Thursday and Friday

Maple - Tuesday and Friday

Oak - Monday and Thursday

Please ensure that both school and PE uniforms are clearly labelled. From this week we will be sending home reminder slips which will be highlighted to show you if any aspect of your child's uniform needs to be changed. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Library

Library sessions will take place for all Year 1 classes on a Tuesday. Please ensure your child returns their library book on a Tuesday so they can be issued with a new one.

This half term, our main topic title is 'All about Me'. Each term we look at a range of books, both fiction and non fiction to support our learning. This half term we will be sharing Elmer by David McKee, Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne and Peace at Last by Jill Murphy among others. These stories will be linked to our work on the senses.

Reading and phonics continues to be a key element of the curriculum in Year 1. The children will continue to have a daily phonics lesson, beginning by consolidating their previous work from phase 3 and phase 4. They will also be taking part in explicit reading sessions three times a week with an adult. We use the Little Wandle scheme to support us in our teaching of these areas.

**Please ensure you are already signed up to ClassDojo, as this is a key method of us communicating messages to you.**

Further details and information about life in Year 1 can be found on our 'Welcome to Year 1 newsletter' that has been shared with you and is also available on our Web page:

<https://www.bushmeadprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Year+1&pid=32>

### Homework

Homework will be set from Friday 13th September, these are the expectations in line with our school policy:

### Reading

It is school policy that children read a minimum of three times a week at home with reading records monitored by class teachers on a weekly basis. Please sign and add comments to your child's reading record every time you hear them read. The reading record and books should come to and from school every day. Children's **reading records will be checked on a Friday** and two new reading books sent home on this day. Your support with regular reading at home is vital and makes a huge difference to your children. It is really beneficial for the children to be reading their books more than once to help develop their confidence, fluency and comprehension.

*Please be aware that staff are unlikely to hear your child read the book they bring home to you or comment in their individual reading records due to the reading sessions taking place in school. The books read in school will be shared with you electronically as 'e books' each week too.*

### Phonics

Each week phonics sounds are taught. Children will be given graphemes and words and sentences to practise.

### Maths

We will set a weekly maths practice on MyMaths which reinforces the children's learning for the week. A letter with further details about MyMaths and a log on for your child has been sent home with them to provide you with more details.

All children are expected to complete these weekly pieces of homework and this forms part of our home school agreement. Teachers have been asked to follow up if homework is not being done. If completing work online is an issue or your child is having trouble accessing or completing the tasks, please speak to your child's class teacher so we can assist you.

## Dates and Events

Monday 16th September - Parent Drop in after school for you to see your child's teacher and classroom between 3.40pm and 4.30pm (please note Maple's teachers will not be available for this session but Miss Rahman will be available after school on Tuesday 17th September 3:40 - 4:30pm)

Tuesday 1st October - The start of Black History month

Friday 18th October - Fundraising for Luton Foodbank

Monday 21st October & Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Consultation evening

Friday 25th October - INSET (staff only in school)

28th October - 1st November - Half term

Monday 4th November - Children return to school Autumn 2

## Curriculum Overview

### English

- ★ To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words.
- ★ To read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge.
- ★ To participate in discussions about what is read to them, explaining clearly their understanding, making predictions based on what has been read and recalling events.
- ★ To develop vocabulary, linking new word meanings to those that are already known.
- ★ To compose sentences orally before writing, using finger spaces between words and capital letters and full stops.

### Maths

- ★ To explore counting, comparing and ordering numbers, being introduced to the concept of place value within 10.
- ★ To recognise numbers to 10 as words.
- ★ To recognise 1 more and 1 less than a given number.
- ★ To use the vocabulary - fewer, more, same, less than, greater than and equal to.
- ★ To learn how numbers are represented in different ways, looking at addition, including number bonds.

### Science

- ★ To identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.
- ★ To explore and investigate different senses.
- ★ To explore and observe changes across the seasons, describing weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

### Art and Design

- ★ To use drawings and paintings to share ideas based on self-portraits.
- ★ To develop a range of art and DT techniques, using colour and thinking about shapes.

## Computing

- ★ To learn how to log on.
- ★ To understand the need for online safety.
- ★ To learn how to search and explore the 'Purple Mash' program.

## Design and Technology

- ★ To use scissors to perform practical tasks involving cutting.

## Geography

- ★ To explore our school and where we live, locating Luton on a map of the UK and being introduced to the countries of the UK.

## History

- ★ To explore our personal timeline, using correct vocabulary to describe the passing of time.

## Music

- ★ To show the pulse using my body and instruments.
- ★ To learn a simple hip hop song.
- ★ To explore how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together.
- ★ To explore how music makes us feel.

## PE

- ★ To explore simple strategies and work together as a team, building trust, communication and co-operation.
- ★ To use sending and receiving skills to retain possession of the ball using hands.

## PSHE & RSHE

- ★ To understand rules, rights and responsibilities within the school and local community.
- ★ To identify and talk about special people, groups and communities in their lives.

## RE

- ★ To explore 'What Christians believe God is like.'

## The Year 1 Team

Teachers - Sarah Anderson (Oak), Sian Marks and Saima Rahman (Maple), Daisy Padgett (Hazel).

## Our Vision:

**At Bushmead, children are empowered to be active, confident learners where they are inspired to be creative and excel.**

