



# Class 1

## Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter



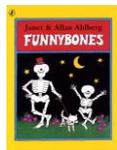
### Welcome back!

This half term our theme for learning is **Enquiring Minds**. In class 1 we are focusing on asking questions about during our learning. The children will be encouraged to question why and how and learn how to find out the answers.



### Literacy

The Reception children will be continuing to learn one new sound a day and will be given opportunities to develop their reading and blending skills during adult-led activities. We will continue to have a focus on correct letter formation and will be rehearsing these during writing sessions. The children will be encouraged to write simple words in all areas of the classroom.



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We are using the book 'Funnybones' as a focus for our writing. We will be learning to retell the story with actions by learning the main events. The children will be learning to join two ideas with the conjunction 'and' as well as correctly using capital letters and full stops. We will be continuing to learn new spellings and look at patterns within common and tricky words.

### Mathematics

The Reception Children will be focusing on learning to identify 1 more and less than a given number or group of objects. They will continue to be learning to count forwards and backwards to 20 and how to add and subtract with objects. This will be taught through a range of practical and fun indoor and outdoor activities.



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The children will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, identify 2D and 3D shapes and be able to say 1 more or less than a given number to 50. The children will also be spending time learning about tens and units in 2-digit numbers to support their understanding of number bonds within 20. The children will be learning through the use of practical activities, written work and mathematical problems.

### Understanding the World and Science

This half term our focus is our bodies. The children are going to ask questions that they would like to find out about. The children will focus on the bones in our bodies and find out facts about the bones in our bodies.

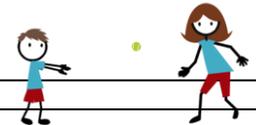
### RE

The RE focus is 'Talking about God'. This half term we are encouraging children to ask questions that puzzle us and are hard to answer. They will think about what questions they would like to ask God and how Christians talk to God.



### Physical development

In PE, the children will be exploring how to use and develop their skills with balls and other pieces of equipment. They will explore how to throw and catch with a partner but also how to throw towards a target.



### Expressive Arts and Design

In DT, this half term the children will be working with Mrs Tait to learn how to create a moving picture. They will be learning how to use different materials and tools to allow a pivot to work. The children will be making a skeleton picture.



In music, the children will be learning the songs for this year's Nativity play 'Stargazers' and will learn dances and clapping rhythms to go with the songs.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will spend time exploring the theme 'Getting On and Falling Out' which will introduce the children to ways of playing with other children and what to do if they fall out with each other. It will focus on how others might feel in different situations. We will also be taking part in Anti-Bullying week by teaching the children how to deal with situations where they feel unhappy.

### Reception pupils

#### Special Stars (Reception only)

The Early Years Foundation Stage recognises the importance Parents and/or Carers have within children's learning, so I would like you to provide information for your child's profile in order for it to be a complete picture of their learning within and outside of school. Therefore, I will provide 4 sets of 'special stars' each half term which you could fill in and send back to school with experiences that show your child's developing skills. For example if your child writes a thank you card and attempts to spell 'Bob' and says "Bob begins with 'b'" and correctly writes 'b' on the card. This is an example of their phonological awareness. Another example could be if your child is outside and sees a bee and says "I think he is going to collect some pollen from the flower". Please write a 'special star' any time you feel your child says or acts in a way you feel shows progression within their learning. Then send them into school and I will be able to put them in your child's Learning Journey.

#### Winter Clothing

As the weather gets colder, please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a jumper/cardigan, waterproof coat, hat and gloves every day? It would also be very helpful if your child had a pair of wellies that remain in school; this will allow your child to have access to the outdoor area, whatever the weather.

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#### Spellings

We do our spelling test every **Friday**, please ensure your child has their spelling book in their bag on a Friday.

#### KIRFs

Year 1 children will be now having a **written** KIRF challenge every Wednesday. Please see the KIRF information sheet for how to help your child with learning the facts they need.

### All children

#### Show and Tell

Every **Monday** we do show and tell in class. If your child would like to bring in something for show and tell, they may. Your child may bring in something they have made, a picture/leaflet of somewhere they have done or an object from that place.

#### Dates to remember:

Friday 11 November @ 11am - Remembrance Service on The Green. The whole school walk to The Green and have a remembrance service. Everyone is welcome to join us for this important event.

Week commencing 14 November - Anti Bullying week

Friday 18 November - Children in Need. More information to follow

Tuesday 22 November @ 9.30 - 11.00 - Open Morning

Friday 25 November @ 9.00am - Celebrating Work Worship

Wednesday 7 December @ 1.45pm - Nativity Performance

Thursday 8 December @ 6.00pm - Nativity Performance *Letters for tickets will be sent out nearer the time.*

Wednesday 14 December - school Christmas lunch and Christmas party

Friday 18 November @ 9am Christmas Worship

@3.15pm - Break up for Christmas Holiday,

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me or make an appointment to see me.

Miss R Langley

Mrs Oosterveen

Miss Budd

