

# Burwell Village College Primary School



## Year 1 Newsletter: Autumn 2018

**Miss Greenhalgh, Mrs Mason, Mrs Beardon and Mrs Harle**

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Summer holiday. The children have come into school with great enthusiasm and are really keen to get to work. As you may be aware the children have left the foundation stage and are now following the national curriculum.

The curriculum is cross curricular and topic based. We are also hoping to include links with the local community which will involve fundraising opportunities and inviting visitors into school. Our school website is constantly being updated with curriculum information, so please check there for further information: [www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk).

### Year 1 Teachers

Class 1A: Miss Greenhalgh    Class 1B: Mrs Mason    Class 1C: Mrs Beardon and Mrs Harle

### **Autumn Term:**

**Our topics this term will be Amazing Me and Animal Magic.**

**English:** In English this term we will be covering the following text types:

Traditional tales including Cinderella which will be a 'learned' story, which means that the children will be able to retell the story from memory. Our non-fiction work will be labels, lists, captions and recounts. We will have a poetry week focusing on rhyming words.

**Handwriting:** Children will begin learning to join their handwriting in lessons. Most children have made good progress during Reception and the formation of their letters is steadily improving. We will focus this term on ensuring children sit correctly at the table and that their pencil grip is accurate.

**Daily Phonics:** We will be continuing with a daily 30 minute session of phonics tuition. Examples of key words are included in the reading records. Phonics will continue to be the main strategy that we use for teaching reading.

**Daily Guided Reading:** Children will be heard reading at least once a week by the class teacher as part of a small group. They will also complete reading tasks such as understanding and answering questions about the text and phonics games.

**Home Reading:** The reading logs will continue to be used and must be returned to school every day. Please read with your child daily. It is important that your children enjoy books to foster a love of reading so please encourage them to read books that they enjoy. Re-reading books is a fantastic opportunity to consolidate your child's learning and helps develop confidence and fluency. If you are able to come and read with children on a regular basis please speak to your child's teacher as this is invaluable support.

**Spelling:** In year 1 we will teach spelling through phonics. In addition to this, the children will learn the common exception words and days of the week. The children will also receive spelling homework later in the term.

### **Maths**

**Number, Place Value and Rounding:** Children will practice counting skills every day, learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will learn the place value of 2 digit numbers. We will begin to introduce the 100 square.

**Addition and Subtraction:** Children will learn the number bonds for all numbers up to 10 and begin to write an addition number sentence. They will start to add small numbers by counting on and develop their understanding of subtraction within 20 through practical activities.

**Multiplication and Division:** Children will learn to recognise odd and even numbers, count in 2s and 10s and double single digit numbers.

**Fractions and Decimals:** Children will learn to find half of a shape and move on to finding half of a quantity to 10.

**Geometry:** Children will learn to recognise and name basic 2D shapes, sort shapes by different criteria using the vocabulary of 'sides, corners, straight, curved'. They will also develop their understanding and use of the vocabulary relating to size.

**Measures:** The children will learn to recognise coins and notes. They will use coins to add and take away 1p from amounts to 20p. They will learn the days of the week and months of the year. They will learn to read 'o' clock times.

In every unit there will be an emphasis on reasoning in order to develop and consolidate mathematical skills used in everyday life.

### **Science**

**Animals Including Humans:** As part of our 'Amazing Me' topic the children will learn the names of the main parts of the human body and about personal hygiene. They will explore their senses and discover how losing a sense can affect humans. As part of 'Animal Magic', the children will identify and name common animals, as well as learning to group them by what they eat.

**Geography and History**

The children will learn their own address, draw simple maps of their local area, talk about what they like and dislike about their locality. Year 1 are focusing on significant people across this year. The children will talk about their own family and the Royal Family. They will identify changes within their own lifetime.

#### **Computing**

Children will learn how to use technology safely and responsibly. They will also use technology to create digital images. Children will begin to understand what an algorithm is through programming Beebots.

#### **PE**

Children will learn gymnastic skills, including different types of jump and roll. Through games lessons they will continue to develop the skills of running, jumping, throwing and catching.

Our PE days are currently Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. However, in case we are required to have PE on a different day, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week. Please also ensure hair is tied back and that piercings are removed before school. There are strict government guidelines preventing staff from removing piercings and children are not allowed to participate in PE if they have them in.

#### **RE**

The children will talk about special people and events. They will celebrate Harvest as well as talking about the birthday celebration. They will find out about the meaning of Christmas and why Jesus is special to Christians.

#### **PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education)**

The theme for this term is 'New Beginnings'. This includes the children deciding their class rules as well as how to care for one another. They will discuss the people who will take care of them and how to find help if they need it.

We talk to the children about their 'Five Finger Friends', who are trusted adults that they can talk to at school or at home if they have any concerns. We also discuss the NSPCC 'PANTS' rule with the children. You can find out more here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

#### **Music**

The children will learn how to use their voices and bodies with expression through singing songs, chants and rhymes. They will also learn songs and perform them to an audience during the Christmas performance.

#### **Art / Design Technology**

The children will develop drawing and painting skills. They will create self-portraits. They will work together to make Christmas decorations.

#### **Design and Technology**

Children will use a range of tools and equipment to make structures.

#### **Homework- 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Autumn term.**

Homework will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be returned by the following Tuesday in order for it to be marked.

The children will be given one piece of homework each week, usually alternating between English and Maths. This will be reinforcing skills learnt during the week at school or a topic based activity. All children will be given a homework folder.

We kindly ask that children do not bring any toys or other items into school. Your children will be asked to bring specific objects throughout the year in order to enhance their classroom learning.

#### **Important dates:**

- Parent Consultations – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- Decoration Day – TBC
- Christmas Fair – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- Christmas Production – to be confirmed
- Christmas jumper day – TBC

#### **Term dates:**

- Half Term: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October
- Inset day: 29<sup>th</sup> October
- Last day of term: 19<sup>th</sup> December

#### **School Uniform:**

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NAMED! School uniform is a white or blue shirt; blue & white checked or striped dress; school sweatshirt, navy cardigan or sweater; grey trousers or shorts; navy skirt or trousers. School uniforms can be ordered and paid for via the school website.

#### **Indoor P.E. Kit: blue or black shorts and plain white or blue school T-shirt only.**

Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed. If the ears are newly pierced or there is an infection the earrings must be covered at home. Water bottles are encouraged but need to be named, taken home and washed daily.

There are links from the school website [www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk) which enable parents to pay for school meals and trips via Worldpay.

#### **Contacting members of staff:**

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff by phoning the school office or speaking to the TA on the door.

#### **Reward Systems:**

- We follow the Golden Rules.
- Class Dojo – points awarded for following the Golden Rules. The child with the most green dojos in the class for the week will receive a certificate celebrating this.
- Golden Time – 30 minutes on a Friday afternoon of choosing time for sticking to the Golden Rules.

#### **End Of Day:**

Please do give us a wave when you see your child *at the front of the line*. It helps us to recognise you.

If you need to come back in for any reason, please wait until all the children have left the building.

As a healthy school, we do not allow children to bring sweets into school for their birthdays.

**Ways of helping your child:****At Home:**

- Share favourite stories and discuss books every day.
- Support and encourage homework activities.
- Practice recognising shapes, number bonds, using number to solve everyday problems, e.g. money, time and cooking.
- Talk with your child about everything!

**At School:**

DBS checks are needed if you wish to help in class. They are easy for the office to arrange. If you would like to help in the classroom please come and see us!

**Illness:**

Please phone office as soon as you know your child will be absent.

- Vomiting or Diarrhoea – children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness to prevent the spread of illness in line with doctor's recommendations.
- Prescription medicines should be given by parent and the office informed,
- Check medication in school is in date and full instructions given – for example Asthma inhalers