



## Year 1 Newsletter: Autumn 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the new school year 2024– 2025! Your child is beginning to settle into year 1 and we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know them. We would like to give you a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term. Our new and exciting topic for the next 8 weeks focuses on Space and is based around the book 'Man on the Moon':

### Maths

**Number: Place Value**– Children will count to 10 then 20, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from a given number. They will read and write numbers to 10/20 in numerals and words.

**Number: Subtraction and Addition**– Children will represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts (within 10). They will add and subtract one digit numbers (to 10), including zero. We will be looking at solving one step problems that involve addition and subtraction.

**BIG MATHS** – The children will look at one BIG MATHS fact a week in preparation for a weekly BIG MATHS challenge. This is a timed challenge to encourage children to learn number facts by rote.

### English

Children will learn to use capital letters for names, places and when using the personal pronoun 'I'. We will focus on simple punctuation – full stops and capital letters for the beginning of a sentence. Children will sequence sentences to form a short description.

Children will also read 1:1 with an adult fortnightly.

We will continue with our phonics scheme 'Floppys Phonics' recapping level 2 and begin working on level 3 sounds.

### Art

Children will be researching the well-known artist Peter Thorpe and will critique some of his most famous paintings. They will be re-creating their own version using paints and collage. Children will also create their own solar system picture using chalk.



### Science 'Everyday Materials'

Children will be looking at everyday materials and discussing their properties. They will look at why materials are appropriate for certain uses and will group objects that are natural or manmade. Children will conduct a range of investigations and will plan out their own fair test experiment.

### RE

This half term children will be looking at the nature of religion and belief. In this unit pupils will learn about what it means to belong to a community.

### Geography

This half term the children will be learning about our local area. They will study maps and buildings to discover all about Beeston.

### PE

Children will work with the Hunslet Rugby coach to practise their listening and attention skills. Children will also be taught the skills needed to play a small team game.

### Music

Children will be exploring sounds with the use of percussion instruments. They will be using their voice to show expression.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about different special occasions and celebrations. The children will take part in a restorative circle where they will be able to discuss their thoughts and feelings.

### Our Place in 'Our' World.

Children will become aware of key world events by learning about The Moon landing. They will be made aware of the impact this had on society.

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

As the children enter Year 1 they will be encouraged to face challenges with a growth mindset and resilience. They will reflect on their work ensuring that they are able to improve it and set themselves aspirational targets.

### Healthy and Happy Living

Children will be encouraged to share their views and opinions within all areas of school life, knowing that their voice matters. This will be a huge focus during our restorative circle sessions.

### Inquisitive Investigators

As Inquisitive Investigators, the children will be provided with many opportunities to develop their skills in reading. We will focus on developing their predicting, questioning and analysing skills by providing them with high quality texts and resources.

### Important information to remember:

- **Year 1 PE** lessons will take place on a **Tuesday** morning this half term. Children will be working with the **Hunslet Rugby Coach**. Please send your child to school on their allocated PE day in their PE kit. Lessons may take place outside – weather permitting! So please ensure that the children have appropriate kit and trainers on this day.
- To ensure that all children are provided with **school reading books** we ask that all book bags are returned to school on a **Thursday (am)** so we can send home the next set of reading books for the week on a Friday. Please read with your children at home and log onto BoomReader. If you do not have a login or are struggling with this please speak to your class teacher.
- **Weekly spellings** Children will start to bring home spellings to learn sometime in Autumn 1. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Children will practise spelling in school but we also would appreciate if they could practise at home too.
- **Homework**– Children should complete one of the creative tasks on the attached homework sheet. Please return by 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

Thank you for your continued support ☺

Miss Charlton, Miss Campbell & Mr Bramhall