

# Year 1 Learning Letter (Autumn 1)

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## Year 1's Learning News

**Welcome back...** What an amazing first week to the new Year 1 classes! We have been busy bees learning new routines and finding our way around our new classroom. Already we have become engrossed in our learning and the children have been showing us all the wonderful things they can do!

**HEADLINE NEWS...** This term's topic is called 'Once Upon A Time' and we have already started our learning adventure with an exciting video from Sir David Attenborough! He has sent us lots of information about his new project Jurassica and has asked us to be involved with it as it develops!

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### Being me in my world

In Jigsaw we have been putting together our new Class Charters so that we all understand our rights and responsibilities. We created our class display and have been seeing examples of the school values and 6Rs every day from every child. Have a look at our class blog to see photos of this. It is so important that we all respect everyone's right to learn and we create a supportive and positive environment for our classes. Having positive learning behaviours and attitudes such as taking turns, sharing or asking questions helps us all to create a happy and fun-filled Year 1 learning environment so we can do our very best!

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Year 1 and 2 Poetry Performance to Y1/2 families - 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2:15 in hall and 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 9:15 am in hall
- ◆ Y1 Parent/Carer learning session **Phonics** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00am in Coneygar B room
- ◆ Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Sept - **OPEN DOORS** singalong session in Coneygar A room
- ◆ Week commencing 23rd October is **HALF TERM**.

Visit our ever improving website - it has lots of useful top tips, resources & links to great learning sites!

### What we will be learning...with top learning tips

**Reading...Decoding words...we must try and recognise the letters and remember the sounds they make.**

Learning Top Tip - be careful as you pronounce each sound. Often we put an 'u' sound after a consonant e.g. 't' is pronounced 't-u'. If unsure, check out the Oxford Owl Phonics Pronunciation video. (linked on Year 1 page on our website) This aids easier blending of the sounds to make whole words.

**Writing...getting ready... Try and remember to take your time to help you form your letters carefully.**

Learning Top Tip - we are practising sitting with our back against the chair back, sitting up tall and pinching our pencils. This will make writing easier!

**Maths...recognising and ordering numbers, using the language more or less**

Learning Top Tip - why not practise counting at home or out and about; there are plenty of things to count! If you took one away, what would you get? How about if you find one more?

**Phonics... revisiting letter sounds**

Learning Top Tip - while you are reading, why not become a Sound Spotter... can you spot an 'sh' as in shell? Did you see that 'j' as in jelly? Sounds are everywhere... you could even try spotting sounds you know on shop signs or number plates!

## What we will be learning...

Science - observing seasonal changes, including keeping a weather log / everyday materials, including beginning to describe and discuss uses and basic properties of a variety of materials

Art - collage and materials

DT - building structures including settlements, forts and castles

Geography - map skills including bird's eye view ad symbols/ locating Europe

History - castles and settlements / The Great Fire of London

PSHCE - 'Being Me in My World'

PE - Indoor Wednesday: basketball / outdoor Tuesday: ball skills & team work

Music - understanding tempo / performance skills



*We went on an amazing welly walk with Y4!*



*We saw so many creepy crawlies, bugs and even mice!*



## What are you looking forward to about being in Year 1?

We asked our classes what they were looking forward to and here are some of their answers:

- New toys and games
- Learning new sounds and numbers
- Getting better at reading
- Learning new things (topic related!)

## 6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

### Readiness

We have been focusing on readiness in Year 1. We have been practising changing ourselves to get ready for PE, learning how to get our resources ready for learning and collecting and organising our things to get ready for home. We will continue to practise at home and at school but we all think we are getting better every day!



## Home Learning ideas...

Mrs Molloy suggests you could practise recognising two-digit numbers whilst you're out and about - house numbers and car number plates are a great way to start... what's the most interesting number you can spot?

Mrs Rumens recommends joining Bridport Library if you haven't already. They have an excellent range of books, audio books and dvds for you to take home so you can find anything to suit your interests... and the best part... it is completely free to join!

Miss Kingston thinks the summer is over and autumn has begun! There are so many interesting plants and creatures to be seen and such a wonderful range of colours appearing in our local environment. What signs of autumn have you noticed?

### Exciting News...

We would like to say a big hello and welcome from the new Year 1 team. We are delighted to be welcoming lot of new faces to the team. We are excited about all the fantastic creative topics we have got planned for the year, as well as many wonderful visits and events, so we hope you are looking forward to a fabulous year in Year 1 as much as we are! Keep your eyes peeled for our weekly 'Friday Favourites' blog (the link is on Year 1 Class page on BPS website and new BPS Facebook page) so you can see the best bits of our weeks!

We are also always looking for interesting 'junk' especially outdoor /larger pieces such as corrugated plastic, milk crates, guttering or drain pipes, tubes, tyres, wooden offcuts or planks... All donations will be GREATLY APPRECIATED as these things are invaluable to our learning development!