

Year 1 Learning Letter (Autumn 2)

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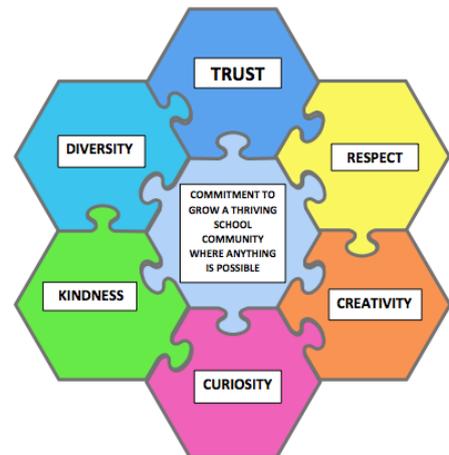
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Year 1's Learning News

BPS values, in Year 1:

- we have kind hands, kind words and kind faces
- we treat each other and our things with respect
- we ask questions, it helps us to find out more
- we try our hardest in everything we do



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 13th – 17th November National Anti-Bullying week
- ◆ Weds 8th Nov – PHOTO DAY! (Look your best!)
- ◆ **Mon 13th Nov** – Parent session on Year 1 Maths in Coneygar A classroom at 2:15pm with Miss Molloy
- ◆ Fri 17th Nov CHILDREN IN NEED - *own clothes day*. Cake stall after school. Please donate a £1.
- ◆ **Weds 22nd Nov 1- 2:45pm - Year 1 walk to Bradpole Church, parent volunteers welcome!**
- ◆ 14th – 24th Nov 'Power for good' (friendship/falling out/anti-bullying fortnight)
- ◆ **Christmas Fair Friday 24th November 6-8pm**
- ◆ **Thursday 30th November parent consultations evening**
- ◆ **Friday 1st December non-pupil day for parent consultations**
- ◆ Christmas Tree Festival (Y1 tree) 6th – 17th Dec Bridport United Church
- ◆ Monday 11th December EYFS and KS1 Christmas parties
- ◆ Weds 13th Dec HOT Christmas lunch
- ◆ Last day of term **Friday 15th December at 2pm.**

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

Reading...common exception words... sometimes we find these tricky words that don't follow our normal decoding rules and we need to learn to recognise these by sight.

Learning Top Tip - once you spot a common exception word, look through the book and see how many times you can find it. Can you think of a way to remember it? Where else have you seen it before? We send home 2-3 common exception words each week as part of the spelling home learning, but a full list can be found on the Y1 page of BPS website.

Writing... what makes a sentence?

Learning Top Tip - remember every sentence needs a noun and a verb. It also needs a capital letter to start the sentence and a full stop to finish it off before you can start another. If you look at your reading book, can you count how many sentences there are on each page? Do they all have a verb, a noun, a capital letter and a full stop?

Maths... reading and writing numbers to 20

Learning Top Tip - remember the first digit in a two digit number tells you how many 10's there are and the second digit tells you how many 1's there are. Can you practise writing the numbers 10-30?

Phonics... revisiting Phase 3 digraphs.

Learning Top Tip - remember that a digraph is when two letters make one sound. When you come across one in a word don't sound out each letter separately a-i but rather say it as -ai-. There are lots of resources you can use to help you practise such as the sound mat on our page of the website. If you practise one or two new ones each week you'll know at least 10 more by Christmas!



What are your favourite parts of Autumn?

- "I love all the bright colours."
- "I love all the patterns and colours and some leaves have lots of different colours on them!"
- "I love the crispy crunchy noise the leaves make when you jump on them!"
- I love collecting things from the trees like acorns and conkers."



November is anti-bullying month.



"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."
Malala Yousafzai

What we will be learning...

- Science - observing seasonal changes, including keeping a weather log / Animals - focusing on Reptiles
- Art - use materials creatively to design and make products, look at other artists for inspiration
- DT - Christmas tree decorations (design, make, evaluate process)
- Geography - using maps, atlases and globes - looking at symbols and key physical/human features. Continent study - Asia
- History - changes over the last century e.g. washing, homes, jobs, role of women (looking at Joan Bauchamp Proctor)
- RE - Christianity (Advent, Christmas)
- PSHCE - 'Celebrating Difference'
- PE - indoor gymnastics / outdoor ball skills and team games



We all loved the children's poetry performance 'Fantasies and Flight' at the end of last half term. All the children had been so excited to share their learning and their fantastic imaginative ideas! It was so lovely to see so many of our KS1 families able to attend so thank you for your support and celebrating their achievements with us!

6Rs (growth mindset) top tip: Resourcefulness

This half term we will be concentrating on developing our resourcefulness in Year 1. Since we exploring our resources last half term, getting to know where everything is and how we use our resources, now we will focus on 'choosing and using' with more independence. We will be working on selecting the most suitable resources for each task and become responsible for ensuring they are used appropriately and put away respectfully. We will continue to work on independently collecting our things for home at the end of the day and although there have been a few book mix-ups and misplaced cardigans, we are beginning to get the hang of it!



School Council News and Views...inc CHILDREN IN NEED

I just wanted to remind you about **Children in Need** day on **Friday 17th November**. We are inviting everyone in school, including the teachers, to come dressed up in their own clothes for the day! There will also be a cake stall at the end of the school day - please bring in your cake donations in the morning of Fri 17th Nov. We ask that the children donate £1 and all donations will go to Children in Need.