



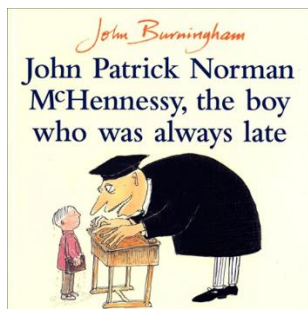
YEAR 1 AND 2

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Hello Year 1 and Year 2 families!

We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday filled with sunshine, fun, and adventure! As we begin a brand-new school year, we're so excited to welcome all our children back to school—and to welcome some new faces too!

ENGLISH



To start off the autumn term, we are going to be reading an exciting book called 'John Patrick Norman McHennessey' and doing lots of activities and writing based on the story. We will also be focusing on ensuring correct letter formation in handwriting lessons.

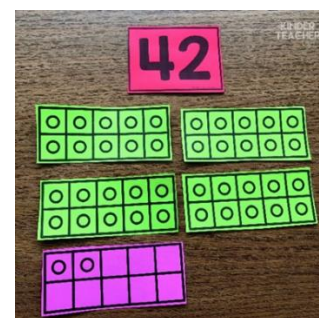
Later in the term we will be reading some traditional tales with a twist, the children will be doing lots of writing about these stories including some descriptions using adjectives, some conjunctions (and, but, because) and learning to use the correct punctuation (full stops, commas and question marks).

In addition to the three practise reading sessions a week, the children will also be doing reading comprehension activities to further their understanding of the books.

MATHS

In maths this term, we will focus mostly on place value and addition and subtraction. Year 1s will explore the place value of numbers to 20, and will add and subtract amounts within 20, finding number bonds and understanding the sequence of these numbers. Year 1s will use tens frames to add and subtract amounts within 20. Year 2 will multiply and divide amounts by sharing and grouping, and apply counting in groups to multiplication and division problems. They will then explore length and height.

All children will explore, name and identify the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Year 2s will also explore symmetry.



SCIENCE



This half term, the children will be learning about 'seasonal changes' and 'animals including humans' in science. They will observe how the weather and environment change throughout the year, exploring the characteristics of each season. Children will also learn about different animals, including humans, and discover how animals grow, survive and meet their basic needs. Through investigations and observations, they will develop their scientific skills and curiosity about the world around them.

GEOGRAPHY

This half term in Geography, the children will be learning about our local area and school community. They will explore where Bulwell is located, investigate its key landmarks and features, and learn about the human and physical geography of the area. The children will use maps, photographs and fieldwork skills to develop their understanding of the local environment, comparing different parts of Bulwell and considering how the area has changed over time. This exciting topic will help pupils build a deeper appreciation of the community in which they live and learn.

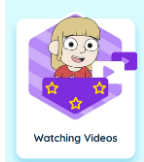


HISTORY



This half term, our History topic will be The Victorians. The children will explore what life was like during Victorian times, learning about the daily experiences of Victorian children at home, at work and at school. They will discover the differences between Victorian schools and schools today, including classroom rules, lessons and expectations.

As part of our local history study, the children will also investigate what Bulwell was like during the Victorian era, exploring how the town grew through industry, transport and changes in the local community. Through a range of engaging activities and historical sources, pupils will develop their understanding of how life has changed over time and how the Victorian period helped shape the world we live in today.

ART		DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY	
		The children will be developing their sewing skills as they learn how to design and make their own Christmas stockings. They will practise running stitch techniques, safely use a range of tools and materials, and explore ways to join fabric together. The project will encourage creativity, patience and resilience as the children create a festive stocking to take home.	
This half term, the children will be taking part in the 'explore and draw' topic in art. They will develop their observation and drawing skills by exploring a range of natural and man-made objects, experimenting with different materials and techniques. Children will learn how to look closely at shape, pattern, texture and detail, using sketchbooks to record their ideas and create thoughtful, expressive artwork.			
PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION		RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION	
		In RSE, we will understand the importance of personal hygiene and how to maintain this, especially as we grow up.	
This half term in PSHE, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be learning all about relationships and valuing difference.		Our book recommendation to support this topic is: What are Germs? by Katie Daynes.	
COMPUTING		CYBER SAFETY	
		Our e-safety learning will focus on using online viewing platforms, such as YouTube. We will talk about how to be safe, and make sure that what we watch is age-appropriate. We will talk about what to do if we see something that makes us feel 'funny in our tummy', and how to close a web page and report content.	
Year 1 and Year 2 children will explore digital mark-making—using technology to create pictures, patterns, and designs! We will be using devices like tablets, computers, or interactive whiteboards to draw and create!			
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		DIVERSITY CALENDAR	
		This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar, we will be learning about:	
This half term, the children will be learning about 'belonging as a Christian' in RE. They will explore what it means to belong to a Christian community and learn about important Christian symbols, celebrations and places of worship.		➤ National Inclusion Week ➤ World Alzheimer's Day ➤ International Day of Sign Language ➤ Black History month ➤ Yom Kippur (Jewish) ➤ Harvest Festival (Christian) ➤ Show Racism the Red Card ➤ Diwali (Sikh and Hindu) ➤ Armistice Day ➤ World Kindness Day ➤ St Andrew's Day (Scotland) ➤ Human Rights Day ➤ Hanukkah (Jewish) ➤ World Mental Health Day ➤ Anti-slavery Day ➤ World Teacher's Day ➤ International Day of Tolerance ➤ World Children's Day ➤ International Day of Person's with Disabilities ➤ The Birth of Jesus (Christian Festival)	
			

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know....exercise makes your brain function better?



- Wollaton Deer have PE on Wednesday and Friday.
- Clough have PE on Monday and Wednesday.
- Magpies have PE on Wednesday and Thursday.

On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings.

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES



If you have any questions with any aspect of your child's school life, please let us know. The best time to speak to Mrs Scott, Miss Sutton or Mrs Hall is at the end of the school day when you can make an appointment to speak to them. If you wish to pass on a message in the morning, please speak to the member of staff at the door who will pass on the information to the relevant person

HOMework



Reading is essential to your child's learning journey and we urge you to read at least five times a week with your child and write in their reading diaries. It is important that your child brings their reading book every day as they will be reading on a daily basis.

Recently, we have been sending homework every Friday linked to what they have been learning in class. So far, Year 1 & 2 have been amazing at returning their homework on time! This is fantastic and will help support your child's learning. If you have any questions about the homework, please do not hesitate to ask us and we will be more than happy to help.

Your child's logins for NumBots can be found in the back of their reading diaries.

TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Autumn 1:

Harvest Festival – St Mary's Church, Bulwell visit (free of charge)

Autumn 2:

Christmas Celebration – St Mary's Church, Bulwell visit (free of charge)

Winter Wonderland trip at Bulwell Forest Gardens (details to follow)



DIARY DATES

HALF TERM ONE

02/09 Start of autumn 1 half term
14/09 Year 1 & 2 welcome meeting
22/09 Phonics meeting
13/10 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church
15/10 Last day of autumn 1 half term
16/10 INSET day

HALF TERM TWO

02/11 Start of autumn 2 half term
04/11 Firework Display
13/11 Children in Need
18/11 School Photos
25/11 Parents/Carers Evening
02/12 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church
02/12 Christmas Fayre 2-4pm
09+10/12 Nativity Production
14/12 Winter Disco 4-5pm
16/12 Christmas Dinner Day
18/12 Christmas party afternoon
18/12 Last day of autumn 2 half term
04/01 Start of spring 1 half term

OCTOBER HALF TERM HAF

Please see the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) poster, sign posting activities available over October half term. Please scan to QR code or follow the link to see what is available

<https://eegu.org/nottinghamcityholidayactivitiesandfoodhaf>

Nottingham Forest will be running their HAF club at Crabtree Farm in the second week of the October half term on 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th October 10am to 2pm. To book this follow the link <https://eegu.org/book/nottingham-forest-foundation-crabtree-farm-with-nottingham-forest-foundation-25259>

October Holiday Scheme Places for Free



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

Would your child like to attend a **fully funded holiday scheme** during the October holidays where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are all included?

Children in receipt of, or eligible for, **Free School Meals** can attend up to **4 free holiday activity club** places in the October holidays.



Further information:
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