



BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Sandringham Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to Year 1! We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to in our first term in Sandringham Class.

The teachers in your class are: Mrs Costello from Monday to Thursday; Miss Aston on a Friday; Mrs Russell & Miss Aston on alternate Monday afternoons.

English – Reading & Phonics

In the first half of the Autumn term, we will be using the text 'Mrs Honey's Hat'. In the story, every day a different creature removes an item from Mrs. Honey's large and outlandish hat, leaving behind something new in its place, so that by the end of the week she has an entirely new hat! We will be exploring the story together, comparing and contrasting, making predictions and sharing opinions, developing the children's language skills.

The children will continue to be taught phonics using the multisensory scheme, 'Monster Phonics'. In Autumn term, we will start to go through the National Curriculum Year 1 graphemes, the Year 1 CEWs (common exception words) and the first 100 HFWs (high frequency words). The addition of suffixes ed, s/es, ing, er and est (with no change to the root word) is introduced in specific spelling lessons and continues to be taught and reinforced across the term and year.

The Monster Phonics home reading books and the spellings will be specific to the sound learnt either that week or the week previous- to support retention and over-learning. Children will also be given a 'staged' reading book for pleasure.

English – Writing, handwriting, grammar, punctuation, and spelling

Year 1 writing will focus on securing the 'basics' of writing a simple sentence to ensure this is secure as the children progress through the year. With a big focus on oracy, children will learn to orally construct a sentence, ensuring it makes sense, before attempting to scribe onto paper with increased accuracy. Lots of practise of letter formation will ensure children can print their letters clearly, starting and finishing each letter in the correct place. Children's spellings will focus on the Year 1 CEW (common exception words) and the application of new learned sounds in phonics.

Maths

We use White Rose Maths to support the teaching of our maths lessons whilst accessing a wide range of practical maths equipment to ensure our learning is hands-on and engaging. Over the Autumn term, the children will be taught the following units of maths:

Place Value (within 10 then within 20)

Addition and subtraction (within 10)

Shape

Science

Animals including humans

Within our interactive science lessons, the children will be following the National Curriculum and be taught the following skills through the Autumn term:

- identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
- identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores
- describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets)
- identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Other Curriculum Subjects

Geography/History: Throughout our **Memory Box** topic, the children will reflect on their personal experiences and memories within their own lifetime. We will then explore changes in toys, fashion and vehicles over the last one hundred years. In the second half of the Autumn term, the children will learn about the **Great Fire of London**.

RE: What is religion? Who is a Christian and what do they believe? (Nativity story)

PSHE: Protective Behaviours; Rights of the Child.

PE: Throwing and catching balls skills for outdoor, fundamental movement circuits for indoor. PE sessions are on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. P.E. kit needs to be kept in school in a separate bag on your child's peg. We will send this home at the end of every half term for you to check and wash it.

Art: Observational drawings of toys and teddy bears.

Design & Technology: Levers and linkages - moving Christmas cards.

Music: Stepping into the Musicals

An opportunity for the children to learn a song from a musical and join in a programme to perform.

Computing: online safety and exploration of purple mash.

Homework

- Spellings – during the Autumn term children will have a teaching session every Friday focussed on the spelling of common exception words and words link to the sounds we have learned in phonics that week. Rather than a formal 'spelling test' children will practise the spelling of new words in lots of creative ways. We will send home a list of words so you are able to support at home with this also.
- Regular reading – a 'little and often' approach is most beneficial. Books will be changed on a Tuesday and Friday. **Please ensure your child brings their reading pack into school every day so staff in school can also hear your child read.**
- Rapid recall of number facts, e.g. number bonds to ten, doubles to five then ten.
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> or <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths> are some great resources to support with this skill.

We do hope that your child enjoys their first term of this academic year with us. If you do have any worries or concerns, please feel free to speak to one of us about any matter, however small.

Mrs Costello & the Year 1 Team