



Buxton Primary School

Leopard Class Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see how well the children have settled into their new class. They have adjusted excellently to the Year 1 routine. It has been great to see their smiling faces each day. The information below gives an overview of the life in Year 1 across this Autumn Term.

Mrs Mardle

I joined Buxton Primary School in January 2021 after teaching at a school in Norwich for nearly four years. I have lived in Buxton all my life and am keen to show children what our wonderful village has to offer! I love walking, animals, singing and reading – amongst lots of other things. I am also a qualified Mental Health First Aider and this is a huge passion of mine.

Mrs Townshend

This is Mrs Townshend's sixth year at Buxton Primary School but this is her first time in Year 1! Mrs Townshend will always be on hand to support the children, both in and out of the classroom and she is very experienced with working alongside children of all abilities. Some of Mrs Townshend's hobbies include: walking, climbing up mountains, camping and going on adventures with her family – anything outdoorsy!

Our School Day - Our entry and exit points are via the small black gate of the lower playground. Drop off at 8:20am (gates will close at 8:30) Adults are able to wait for their children in the playground at the end of the day. Apologies for any delay in getting your child to you – it will take a while for us to learn all of your faces but we will all be trying our best to do this as quickly as possible!

Reading Books – Please send any reading books and reading records in school bags with your child each day. Book change days, in Year 1, are on a Monday and a Thursday. Please sign reading records confirming when you have read with your child. I've got lots of stickers that I would love to give out!

It is important to check that your child understands what they are reading (comprehension) so please discuss the details of books, including pictures, word choices and why things are happening for a few minutes each time you read. These questions might sound like - 'What has happened so far?' 'What do you think will happen next?' 'What are some of the character's names?' 'Why did the author choose this word?'

PE - PE Days will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days wearing their school PE kit. Please could you also ensure your child has their hair tied back, if long, and that earrings are removed on these days.

Forest Schools


On Tuesdays and Thursdays (up until Christmas), Year 1 will be attending Forest Schools. Half of the class will go on each day but please make sure that their things are in school for both days - just in case we need to make any changes!

For Forest Schools, your child must bring a bag (a large/thick carrier bag is fine) containing a pair of wellies, a coat, trousers (jogging bottoms or waterproofs if you have them) and a long sleeved top/jumper. These things may get muddy as there is a great mud kitchen in the forest school area.....and a pond!

Belongings – Please ensure all belongings are clearly named. Children should have a named jumper/cardigan, coat, water bottle and a book bag/backpack that they bring into school each day.

Homework – This will be given out on a Friday and due back into school on a Wednesday. Each week, the children will have a small list of spellings to practice and we will have a test on these every following Friday.

Learning – Our Autumn Term learning focus will be as follows:

<p>English</p> <p>We will be looking at rhyming texts, and non-fiction texts. We will also be working on structuring sentences.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Working within 10. Number formation, ordering numbers, number bonds, addition and subtraction.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>This term we will be learning about the four seasons, including weather, changes in colours and food.</p>
<p>History</p> <p>We will be focusing on Then and Now with an emphasis on holidays, toys and lifestyle.</p>		<p>Continued Provision</p> <p>We will be making the transition to Year 1 from Reception as smooth as possible, so the children will still have lots of opportunities to explore and learn through play.</p>
<p>Art/DT</p> <p>Year 1 will be working on their drawing skills. We will be creating some still life pieces and work on adding detail.</p>	<p>RSE</p> <p>The children at Buxton will be following the RSE programme of study and learning about feelings, friendship and safety.</p>	<p>Forest Schools</p> <p>The children will be working on their teamwork skills.</p>

If you have any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to ask me – I am here to help. Kind regards,
Mrs Mardle. ☺