

Welcome to Autumn Term 2023



It is lovely to see how well the children have settled into their new class. They have already 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.

This term's learning

<p>English:</p> <p>We will be looking at rhyming texts, and non-fiction texts.</p> <p>We will also be working on structuring sentences.</p>	<p>Maths:</p> <p>Working within 10.</p> <p>Number formation, ordering numbers, number bonds, addition and subtraction.</p>	<p>Continuous Provision:</p> <p>We will be making the transition to Year 1 as smooth as possible, so the children will still have lots of opportunities to explore and learn through play.</p>
<p>Science:</p> <p>In science, we will be learning about animals, including humans.</p> <p>As the weather begins to change, we will also be learning about the seasons, focussing on Autumn and Winter.</p>	<p>RSE:</p> <p>The children at Buxton will be following the RSE programme of study and learning about feelings, friendships, their bodies and safety.</p>	<p>History:</p> <p>We will be focusing on Then and Now with an emphasis on holidays, toys and lifestyle.</p>
<p>RE:</p> <p>The children will be learning about Judaism and what it means to be part of the Jewish community.</p> <p>As part of this, we will be exploring some Jewish stories.</p>	<p>DT/Art:</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>Forest Schools:</p> <p>The children will be outside developing their teamwork skills.</p> <p>They will have the opportunity to use the mud kitchen, explore the pond and use the forest school learning equipment.</p>

The above gives you an outline of what we will be learning across this term. This list is not exhaustive, and learning is adapted to all our children's abilities and interests.

Things to remember ...

- PE Kit – please come into school in PE kit on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Book bags – the children will need to have their bag in school each day. Please ensure you check this daily for any 'Just to let you know' notes.
- Water bottles – please ensure your child has a named water bottle at school each day.
- Forest schools* –Your child will need to bring their Forest School things into school each Tuesday.

**Waterproof clothing (if possible), jogging bottoms, a t-shirt or long sleeved top, a warm jumper/fleece, a coat, spare socks and some wellies.*

Homework

In Year 1, the children will be set homework on a Friday. This is due in the following Wednesday.

Their homework will include some spellings (in a small red book) and a piece of maths / phonics / English work.

The children often find this tricky to begin with but it does get easier for them and they soon adjust to the routine.

The Leopard Team

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 the children what our wonderful village has to offer! I love walking, animals, singing and reading – amongst lots of other things. I have four pets - a dog called Peggy, two cats called Luna and Magic and a rabbit called Ronnie. I am also a qualified Mental Health First Aider.

Mrs Harrison is supporting in Leopard's this year. She loves animals, reading and being outside with her family as much as possible. Mrs Harrison is also a qualified Dental Nurse of 13 years and has two children of her own. She is very excited to be working with Leopards class this year.

Mrs Stannett is also supporting in Leopards this year. She really enjoys the sunshine and travelling. Mrs Stannett has a daughter of her own and loves working with children helping them to learn and grow into wonderful people.

Should you wish to speak with me or to pass on a message, I will be available at most pick ups in the afternoon. If you'd like a more in depth conversation, please get in contact with the office and I will make arrangements to meet with you. Thank you.