Bonner Primary

Every Child Thrives

Year 1
Autumn 1

Curriculum Newsletter

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End of Year 1 Expectations

Writing

- Spell words using taught phonics and common exception words.
- Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.
- Begin to use finger spaces, capital letters, and full stops.
- Write sentences that are sequenced to form short narratives.
- Join words and clauses using **and**.
- Re-read writing to check it makes sense.

Reading

- Apply phonics knowledge to decode words confidently.
- Read words with common suffixes (e.g. –ing, –ed, –s).
- Read many common exception words (e.g. *said, are, was*).
- Read aloud books that match their phonics level with fluency.
- Understand and discuss books they listen to or read themselves.
- Retell key stories and talk about characters and settings.

Maths

- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards from any number.
- Read and write numbers to 100 in numerals.
- Recognise and use number bonds within 10 and 20.
- Add and subtract numbers up to 20 using concrete objects and pictorial representations.
- Understand and use concepts of multiplication and division (using grouping and sharing).
- Recognise, name and describe 2D and 3D shapes.
- Compare, describe and measure length, weight, and capacity.
- Tell the time to the hour and half past the hour.

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What to expect in Year 1

While children will still be learning through play, exploration, and discovery, their school day will become a little more structured than in Reception. They may spend more time sitting at tables, but learning will still take place in a variety of ways — through movement, outdoor activities, group work, carpet sessions, and even while exploring the wider school environment.

What will my child do in Year 1?

Your child will have completed the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in Reception, although some goals may continue to be supported as they transition into Year 1. This is their first official year of the National Curriculum, and like all year groups, Year 1 follows statutory programmes of study set by the government.

In June, children take part in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which helps teachers identify whether they can confidently sound out and blend graphemes, and read phonetically decodable words. There's no need to worry — your child's teacher will already be monitoring their progress daily and will have identified any areas that need extra focus well before the check takes place.

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English
In Year 1, children will build their reading and writing skills through daily phonics and engaging texts like The Gingerbread Man, Beegu, and The Little Red Hen, helping them develop sentence writing, vocabulary, and story understanding.

Maths
In this term, children will focus on numbers to 10, part-whole relationships, and addition within 10 over five weeks, with two additional weeks for consolidation.

Science
Children will be exploring their senses. Their key question is 'How do Humans Experience the World?' They'll learn about sounds, smells, feelings, tastes and sights!

Computing
Technology Around Us is the topic this term. They'll learn about technology in the classroom, develop mouse skills, keyboard skills and use a computer safely.

History
This topic is about how childhoods have changed over time. They'll learn about toys, homes, school, hobbies and clothes!

PSHE
Children are learning all about the UNCRC. They'll learn about our school's Golden Rights, create a class charter and learn how their brains work!

Art
In Art this term, children will be learning about Pop Art. They'll create a pop art tiled image, inspired by Andy Warhol. They'll create collages and typographic backgrounds.

Music
In Music this term, children will be learning about their musical heartbeat! They'll find the beat in music, learning lots of songs focused on the pulse.

PE
Children will develop their balance, coordination and flexibility through gymnastics before building their throwing, catching and striking skills in a range of fun send and return activities.

Educational Visits
Children will visit the V&A Museum, where they will explore a range of exciting objects and exhibits, inspiring their creativity and supporting their learning across the curriculum.

Whole School Events in Autumn 1

Meet the Teacher -
Please join us in Week 1 for Meet the Teacher, a chance to hear about the year ahead and ask any questions.
(Thursday 3rd September 3:30pm)

National Poetry Day
Thursday 1st October

Children will be taking part in activities across the school to celebrate National Poetry Day together.

Parents Evening 12th & 13th October 2026
We warmly invite you to Parents' Evening to discuss your child's progress and how they've settled into the new academic year.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month
This October, we will be celebrating Black History Month, and class assemblies will take place on **Wednesday 21st October 2:40pm**

MEET THE TEACHER

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Reminder: Phonics Screening Check

There is a Year 1 phonics screening test in June, which helps your child's teacher to identify if your child is secure in sounding out and blending graphemes. It also detects if they can read phonically decodable words. Don't be worried about this test. Your child's teacher will be assessing your child daily and will have identified any areas they need to focus on well before the test date.

Click here for more information

Standards & Testing Agency

At Home in Year 1

How can I help my child in Year 1?

School can be exhausting for a child in Year 1. They are learning so many new things at school, and may well also be starting to join activities after school as well. If you do want to do more at home, try to enhance their reading, writing and maths learning. Ask your child to write an email to their auntie, count out the cutlery for dinner, read you a story, help at home with cooking and counting.

Year 1 Spelling List:

the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our

What home learning will my child get?

Lots of daily reading! They can use online resources like Bug Club or the books in their book bag. It is so important to read every day.

Bug Club

Read Write Inc.

They can also do some Maths activities on Mathletics. This really helps them to consolidate the learning they have done in class.

Mathletics

How to Help at Home in Year 1

Speak to your child's teacher

Be sure to speak to your child's teacher at various (non-parent evening) times during the year when you need to. They will be keen to help with any areas of concern you might have. The teacher can also answer any questions you might have about home or school learning. If you have concerns about your child's progress or attainment in reading or writing, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If it is appropriate, the class teacher may refer your child on to the school SENCO, who will work with you to identify your child's needs and put suitable provision into place.

Don't forget that you can 'Share a Book' with your child in class on Thursday mornings (8:50-9:10)