

Silver Birch Class Newsletter



AUTUMN

Miss Loynes and Miss Monaghan

Welcome to Year 1. We hope that you have had a fantastic summer. Everyone has made a super start to the year and is settling into routines very well. Entering Year 1 is a big step for your child and to help them adjust, here are a few pointers about class organisation and routines.



PE

These sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term. Please make sure your child has the appropriate kit in school. (Navy or black shorts, white t shirt, navy or black joggers for winter with an Ashfield jumper).

On P.E days they will change into their P.E kit in school. Please ensure earrings are not worn for P.E.



Reading

Please encourage your child to read each night, and/or read to your child each night as this will really support their development in every aspect of the school curriculum. 5-10 mins a night is perfect. Please sign their reading record when someone has listened to your child read.

English:

Our phonics is taught using the Read Write Inc. scheme by key stage 1 members of staff; children will be grouped by ability and taught daily. Please help your child by reviewing the sounds and any words that get home to support their development.

This term we will be looking at a journey story by Ruth Brown called Snail Trail, The Gigantic Turnip by Aleksei Tolstoy and we will be reading the poem The Rhythm of Life by Michael Rosen.

We will be teaching children how to use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and spell using their phonic knowledge, as well as write for different purposes. We will teach letter formation, handwriting and do lots of fine motor skills activities to develop their skills.

Maths:

We will be learning and practising:

- Counting to 10, 20 and beyond
- Place value to 10 and 20 (how numbers are made, where they sit in a number line, how to make it using tens and ones)
- Adding and subtracting to 20
- Positions and directions (1st, 2nd etc and left and right)

Any support you can give your children with these types of activities would be brilliant- using mathematical language everyday like "how many are left", "we are third in the line" will only support your child's understanding and knowledge of maths.

Autumn 1
Where do I live?

Art: Collage- Eric Carl
History: A Local Study of Otley
Geography: Field Work- Looking at aerial photographs.
Computing: Grouping Data
PE: Real P.E - Multi Skills
PSHE: Family and Relationships
RE: Special Books and Special Stories
Science: Seasons and the Weather.

Autumn 2
Gunpowder Plot

D&T: A Moving Book
History: Guy Fawkes-
Geography: Guy Fawkes- Links to Farnley Hall
Computing: Technology Around Us.
PE: Real P.E - Multi Skills
PSHE: Physical Health and Wellbeing
RE: Myself/ Celebrations.
Science: Everyday materials

We hope that your child has enjoyed the first week in their new class and continue to do so. Please feel free to come and introduce yourselves or ask any questions- we are very happy to see you!

Dates for your diary:

Thursday	12 th September	Footloose dance workshops
Friday	13 th September	Meet the teacher (all classes)
Monday	16 th September	Race horse visit to school
Tuesday	17 th September	3:30 Friends of Ashfield - staffroom
Saturday	21 st September	Community Clear Up Day – wild life area 10:00 – 1:00
Sunday	29 th September	World Rivers Day
Thursday	3 rd October	Individual photo day
Friday	4 th October	Harvest Festival 2pm
Monday	7 th October	Judo Y1-Y6
Thursday	10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday	17 th October	Friends of Ashfield fancy dress disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1 and 5:30-6:30 KS2
W/B Monday	28 th Oct – 1 st Nov	Half Term
W/B Monday	11 th November	Anti Bullying week
Wednesday	13 th November	Parent Carer Consultation
W/B Monday	13 th November	Otley science festival
Friday	15 th November	Children in Need
Saturday	16 th November	Otley science fair @ The Courthouse
W/B Monday	18 th November	SEND Week
Tuesday	17 th December	Christingle at Church KS1 lead 2pm
Thursday	19 th December	Friends of Ashfield Christmas disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1, 5:30-6:30 KS2
Ws/B Monday	23 rd Dec –3 rd Jan	Christmas Holidays