



# Bursley Academy



## Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 2

We hope you had a lovely half-term break and are looking forward to the exciting upcoming weeks that we have planned.

### English

In our English lessons, the children will draw inspiration from *Mr Noisy and the Giant* to write their own *Mr Men* or *Little Miss*-inspired story. They will then learn to write a set of instructions explaining how to make a fruit salad, drawing on their experiences from our DT unit, *Food: Preparing Fruit and Vegetables*. We will continue to focus on the fundamentals of capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops, while also challenging the children to include adjectives, conjunctions, exclamation marks, and question marks in their writing. In comprehension lessons, the children will expand their vocabulary and further develop their understanding of the texts by answering retrieval questions.



### Maths

In our maths lessons, we will be working with numbers up to 100 and exploring their composition (how many tens and ones). The children will practise counting to 100, both forwards and backwards, and use number lines to calculate one more and one less. We will then focus on recognising and counting coins and notes in our Money unit of work. After this, the children will complete our Time unit, exploring the concepts of before and after, the days of the week, and the months of the year. They will also learn to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. Throughout the term, the children will continue to practise the required Year 1 times tables by counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s, building fluency and confidence with number facts.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/money/toy-shop-money>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/times-tables/coconut-multiples>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

### Foundation Subjects

#### Science

In our 'Plants' unit, the children will learn about the different parts of a plant, including roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and seeds, and discover how each part helps a plant grow and survive. They will also explore the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees and how plants change throughout the seasons.

#### History

In our 'Childhood in Victorian Times' unit, the children will learn about what life was like for Victorian children over 120 years ago. They will explore differences between the lives of rich and poor children, including school, clothing, toys, work, and family life, and compare Victorian childhood to life today.

#### DT

In our 'Food: Preparing Fruit and Vegetables' unit, the children will explore different fruits and vegetables and how they can be prepared safely for eating. They will practise peeling and chopping fruit before designing and making their own fruit salad.

#### Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

In our 'How Can We Look After Each Other and the World?' unit, the children will learn how to show care and kindness towards others by being polite, helpful, and working together. They will also explore the importance of caring for people, animals, and the environment through actions such as recycling, saving energy, and not littering.

#### Religious Education (RE)

In our 'Judaism' unit, the children will learn about the beliefs and practices of Jews, including the importance of the Torah, the story of David and Goliath, and how the Torah teaches kindness and respect. They will also learn about key figures such as Abraham, the founder of Judaism, and King David.

<https://www.bursley.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/our-classes/year-1>

### Key Dates

- Every Tuesday and Wednesday – PE Lessons
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – INSET Day (School Closed – Staff Training)
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Sports Morning (9:30am)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Academy Photos (Leavers, Groups, Clubs, Teams)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics Screening Check
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fair
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Plant Workshop
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Move Up Day
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – KS1 Sports Morning Back Up Date (9:30am)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Annual Reports Sent to Parents
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Parent Drop In
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Entrust Live Music Performance
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of School

If you have any questions, please email [office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk)

Many thanks for your continued support, Miss Wilkes and Mrs Travers