



Bursley Academy

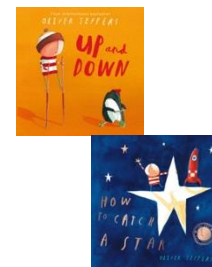


Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 1

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

English

In our English lessons, we are beginning to explore a selection of books by the author Oliver Jeffers. We will be looking in detail at *Up and Down* and *How to Catch a Star*. We will be focusing on the fundamentals of capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops whilst ensuring our sentences make sense. In our comprehension lessons, the children will develop their vocabulary and develop their understanding of the stories by answering retrieval questions. The children will then retell these stories, helping to develop their writing skills.



Maths

In our maths lessons, we will be working with and understanding numbers up to 10. We will be investigating one more and one less than given numbers and counting forwards and backwards within 20. We will also be comparing numbers – greater than, less than, equal to and we will be looking at simple addition and subtraction (including problem solving). Finally, we will be investigating number bonds to 10 using strategies including the part whole model.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/lets-compare>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/measuring-in-cm>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/times-tables/coconut-multiples>

Foundation Subjects

Science

In our 'Animals and Humans' unit, the children will learn about different types of animals including humans, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. They will discuss their appearance as well as looking at similarities and differences. They will also be introduced to carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Geography

In our 'Where in the world are we?' unit, the children will learn about their local area. We will look in detail at villages, cities and towns and the similarities and differences between them. We will also be completing map work and looking at how maps can help us.

Art

In our 'Drawing' unit, the children will learn about different art techniques including tone, hatching, stippling, textures and lines. Children will practice their drawing skills and learn how to create an observational drawing.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

In our 'Me and my school' unit, the children will learn about how to stay safe within our classroom environment and the role that the School Council plays within a school. Children will also explore how we can make good choices and why it is important to listen to our peers.

Religious Education (RE)

In our 'Christianity' unit, the children will learn about the beliefs and practises of Christians. We will look at The Creation Story, and we will explore the Bible by reading different stories. Finally, this term, we will discuss how these stories encourage Christians to help each other and care for nature.

Key Dates

- Every Tuesday and Wednesday – PE Lessons
- Outdoor Learning - alternate Tuesdays (1KT) and every Wednesday (1OS) – (PE kits, wellies and waterproof coat required)
- Wednesday 7th October – Phonics Meeting
- W/C 19th October – Cultural Capital week
- Friday 23rd October – Break up for half term

If you have any questions, please email office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk

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