

Year 1 Class Newsletter

Autumn 1



In this newsletter, you will find information about the various topics and activities your child will be studying or taking part in throughout Year 1. Please encourage your child to talk to you about what they are learning in school; it will really help them to learn!

In Year 1, our teacher is **Miss Kippax**, and our learning assistants are **Mrs Vadera** and **Mrs Patel**. We are all working very hard to ensure that your child receives the very best education they can at Gilnow. Please do not hesitate to ask me any questions regarding your child.

This term we will be learning about:

- History: Travel and Transport
 - Science: Plants
- ART: Sculpture (Barbara Hepworth)
- R.E: What does it mean to belong to a faith community?
- PSHE: Making friends: playing and learning together
 - Computing: Digital Citizenship
 - Music: Singing
- Cultural capital: Queens Park Walk

English:

In Year 1, children will look at different types of texts to build their reading comprehension and use this information to support their writing. This half-term, we will focus on labels, lists, and Performance poetry. Children will be given the opportunity to read, write, and role-play a variety of stories. Children will also be allowed to build on their basic skills in guided reading sessions, practising their handwriting and the use of spelling, punctuation, vocabulary, and grammar.

Reading:

Every child will have a home-reading book, and we would be very grateful if you could ensure that you hear your child read as often as possible. They will all take part in a guided reading group every week with the teacher. Supporting a child's reading is one of the most valuable things a parent can do to help in their child's education. Please read at home with your child as often as you can. To promote independent reading and reading for fun, encourage your child to read library books, magazines, and newspapers.

Add comments in their reading record and sign to show you have supported them at home. All children are expected to read 4 times a week at home to their parents. There will be prizes at the end of each half-term for children who have read regularly at home.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about:

Number

Place value (within 10)

Addition and Subtraction (within 10)

Physical development

PE is on a **Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon** and will be led by Key PE.
The children will be practising dance, agility, balance, and coordination.
Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times.
Make sure your child has no earrings in for PE lessons.

Homework challenge

Core Task: Find out what transport used to look like in the past.

Do: Go on a walk near your house or look in your garden. Can you find some garden or wild plants? Then, draw and name the plants you see.

Research: Can you find out what plants need to grow?

Design: Design a form of transport.

Make: Work with mum or dad to make a form of transport. You could make a car, a plane, or a train.

Please complete and bring in by Friday 16th October

Remember that for Year 1 children, reading is the most important homework.

Thank you for your continued support!



Useful Websites

Our school website is: www.gilnow.bolton.sch.uk
where you can find useful information about your child's
class and any activities they will be taking part in!

General

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/
www.purplemash.com
www.phonicsplay.co.uk
www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk
www.oxfordowl.co.uk
www.numbots.co.uk

REMINDERS

- Please could you ensure all your children's clothing, including shoes and P.E. kits, is labelled with their name
- Please encourage your child to talk to you about what they are learning in school; it will really help them to learn!

Coats – Please ensure that your child brings their coat every day. Encourage your child to develop their self-help skills to put on and take off their coat without your help.

Labels – Please ensure that **all clothes** have **names** inside.

Bring daily - Book bag containing Reading book, reading record and library book. These will be handed out during the first week back in school.

P.E Kit – needs to be kept at school for PE lessons on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.