

# Year 1 Newsletter (Autumn 1 2023)

The Year 1 team are excited to welcome back the children into school and are looking forward to a year full of fun and learning! This half term our topic is 'Ourselves'.

Year 1 Beech will be taught by Miss Jackson.

Year 1 Fir will be taught by Miss Burton at the beginning of the week and Mrs Riley at the end of the week.

## Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on place value to 10. We will continue to develop the children's understanding of addition and subtraction using numbers up to 6, where we will learn quick recall facts of number bonds to 6. You can support your child at home by helping them to form their numbers correctly and counting objects around the home.

## English

In English this year, we will be further developing reading skills using the Read, Write, Inc scheme. We will consolidate sounds taught in Reception and build on their phonic knowledge by teaching new sounds in an exciting way. You can help this process by encouraging your child to develop an active attitude towards reading. It would be greatly appreciated if you could read with your child as much as possible at home and sign the reading record when this is done.

We are starting off the half term by looking at the book 'Super Duper You' by Sophy Henn. We will focus on writing simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

We will also be looking at a range of books written by the author Jill Murphy. We will use these books to look for similarities and differences between the stories.

## Topic

In Science, we will be thinking about how we grow; the use of our senses and naming different parts of our bodies, including parts of the face.

In Art, we will be sketching and painting self-portraits thinking about the features of the face. We will also be creating sculptures of ourselves using plasticine.

In History, we will be using a timeline to place events from the children's lives in chronological order.

## PE

For Year 1 Beech class, PE will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. For Year 1 Fir class, PE will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Could we remind you that PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt and blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms and pumps or trainers. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor PE and all items are **clearly labelled**. All jewellery (including stud earrings) **must be removed**.

## Attendance

At Pudsey Bolton Royd our school attendance target is 97%. Please make sure that your child comes to school every day on time. The school arrival time is now between **8.45am and 8.55am** for all children.

Other

Once the children are settled into Year 1 we will be setting weekly homework, to be given out on a Friday and will be collected on a Monday. You and the children will receive further information regarding this.

Now the children are in Year 1 they will get the chance to visit the school library every week and choose their own book to take home. These books are to be shared at home to develop their reading for pleasure.

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

We look forward to a hardworking, happy and successful year in school. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1 Staff team.