



Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to another exciting year at Bartons, we hope you had a fantastic summer break. The children have settled in well and are adjusting to life in Year 1. We have planned the learning to support their love of play while beginning the Year 1 curriculum.

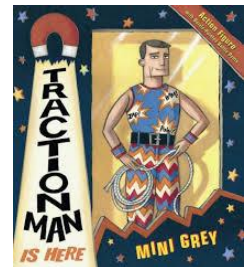


Topic

This term our Topic is 'Heroes' and we have started by focusing on Superheroes, which the children have been enjoying. We will be creating Pop Art inspired work after looking at work by Roy Lichtenstein and making our own superhero superspoons! For more information you can find our learning journey on the class page on the school website. You can also see the learning for the rest of the year on the Year 1 curriculum page.

English

Our English work this half term is focused on character descriptions and we will be reading Traction Man. Alongside our writing we will be continuing to work on our phonics in order to prepare for the Year 1 phonic test in the Summer Term, more details to follow. We are learning to spell the Year 1 common exception words (words that are not easily decodable using phonics) over the year. Please support your child with learning to read and write these at home.

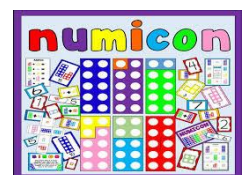


Year 1 Common Exception Words

a	is	said	be	no	put
ask	his	says	he	go	push
	has	the	me	so	pull
are		they	she		full
our		there	we	of	one
	was	here		love	once
do	were	I	by	come	school
to	where	you	my	some	friend
today	want	your			house

Maths

We are continuing to follow the Numicon approach which the children started when working in Reception. The children have been recognising the Numicon Shapes and ordering them. We have also been making repeating patterns and sequencing events before telling number 'stories' ready for calculating.



Homework

Take Away Tasks will be set every Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. These are usually follow up activities based on our learning that week or preparation for a lesson the following week. Children who don't complete their homework will have to catch up during their 'golden time' on a Friday.

PE

Named PE kits (including trainers or plimsolls) must be in school every day. Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. If your child has earrings they must be removed on these days.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell will be on the first Friday of each month. We encourage the children to try to connect their show and tell with what we have been learning, our topic, particular recent achievements or special events outside school. For example extra maths work they have done at home or a favourite story they have heard or written. This is not compulsory and they do not have to contribute every month!



How can you help?

- Regular reading at home (not just their school book) sharing stories and asking and answering questions about what they have read.
- Supporting homework tasks while letting them develop their independence.
- Regular short sessions testing their spellings.
- Encourage them to dress and undress independently (with more speed!)

Save the date:

Thursday 13th December 2018 9:15am - 9:45am



BEECH CLASS ASSEMBLY and Heroes dress up day! The children can come in dressed as **superheroes or real life heroes** (eg: paramedics, vets, fireman)

We would love to show you some of the work we have done about heroes, while we are dressed up. There is no need to purchase an expensive costume, home-made costumes are often more effective and it gives the children the chance to design their own outfits! Please come along if you can.

Hopefully we will keep you up to date with any events and you can always check the timetable in the classroom window. Any problems or questions please do not hesitate to come and see us.



Mrs Morris, Mrs Pett and Mrs Shaw