

Welcome to Year 1!



What will my child be learning?

This term we will be exploring 'Who Am I?' We will be thinking about changes over time in how the children have developed since birth, as well as similarities/differences between the experiences of parents and grandparents.

Our focus in Science will be all about 'Using our Senses.' We have planned an exciting visit to Eureka on Thursday 9th November. Later on this year one of our topics will be 'Food and we will explore the history of food and food around the world. In the final term our topic is Houses and Homes around the World and we even visit a castle!

Home learning mats can be found in the home learning diary and are added to the class page on the school website each half term, linking to the new topic.

Each year group also have Golden Opportunities which they will tick off as the year progresses. These can also be found in the home learning diaries alongside our Beechwood Golden Opportunities which children will tick off by the end of their time at Beechwood.

Year 1 Golden Opportunities



Golden Opportunities



YEAR 1

We will have the opportunity to:

 create our own role play areas	 take part in a sensory workshop	 visit Eureka	 go on a bear hunt in school grounds	 visit Temple Newsam House to make our own art	 visit a farm
 make our own moving toy	 take part in drama based on the story Train Ride	 collect leaves to make our own art	 go to a celebration assembly	 watch a Jack and the Beanstalk puppet show	 make a hand puppet
 make art on the computer	 visit York Chocolate Story	 read stories outside	 do some cooking	 learn to make music with Bamboo Tambourine	 take part in a maths picnic
 taste food from around the world	 go on a treasure hunt	 sit around a camp fire	 visit Skipton Castle	 go on a plant hunt	 build houses outside
 learn to weave	 feed the birds	 visit a church in the local area	 read a story aloud to classmates	 learn my address	 hunt for mini-beasts

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Beechwood Golden Opportunities



Golden Opportunities



Before you leave Beechwood you will have the opportunity to:

 make something to sell	 learn about the library reading challenges	 learn about Remembrance Day	 raise money for charity	 take part in an assembly	 learn and perform different poems
 learn to be resilient, calm, confident, creative and wise through My Mental Health Rocks	 meet an author	 set up your own art exhibition	 become a Beechwood playground leader	 become an eco-warrior	 stand for school council
 choose different after-school clubs	 experience Beechwood Bake-off	 observe Black History Month	 learn about Divali	 find out about Hanukkah	 learn about Christmas
 celebrate Chinese New Year	 take part in International Women's Day	 find out about Eid	 learn about Pride	 observe Refugee Day	 take part in Afro Hair Day
 be part of Spirit Alive!	 Perform on a stage	 Learn PE skills with a professional sports coach	 Help to look after our school gardens	 Experience learning in the amphitheatre	 Consider what we might like to do in the future

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How can I support my child at home?

Your child will receive spellings once a week when we feel they are ready.

This may be different for different groups of children.

Maths homework will be set later on this term.

Children are asked to read at least 3 times a week and this should be recorded in their home learning diaries.

Please bring in the home learning diary every day.

Children can access Bug Club from home.

Year 1 home learning grid

Topic Vocabulary

Before - at an earlier time; in the past

After - later in time

In the past - gone by in time

Now - at this time

Last year - a year ago.

This year - From January

A long time ago - far in the past

Different - not the same

Changed - to become different

Similar - having a likeness

Autumn Term Learning Grid for Year 1

Who am I?



Historical Facts to Learn

- History means things that have happened in the past.
- Toys were mainly made out of wood, paper or metal during Victorian times.
- Rich Victorian children played with toys such as clockwork trains, rocking horses, tea sets and dolls.
- Poorer children played with homemade toys such as peg dolls, wooden boats and rags stuffed with sawdust to make balls or toy animals.

Home Learning Challenge Ideas

Please could your child bring in anything they do at home. They can share it with their class and we can show it on the school website.

- **Interview a grandparent** - What do they remember about being a child? Ask them about their favourite toy? What was school like?
- **Postcard** - Create a postcard from a holiday or day out you remember. Draw a picture from your memory.
- **Toys from the past** - bring in a toy from the past. This could belong to you or your parent or even a grandparent.
- **Family tree** - make a family tree to show how your family fits together. This could be a drawing, craft or using real tree parts and photographs!
- **Game time** - play a board game or outdoor game from that past which does not involve a screen.
- **Timeline** - Use a range of photos from birth to now to create a timeline.

Useful Weblinks

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_one/ks1_history/toys_in_the_past/toys.html

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/category/topics/toys>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/history-toys>

Who can I speak to?

Your child's teacher and teaching assistant will be available to speak to quickly on the playground in the morning and afternoon.

For any bigger queries or conversations, please speak to our office team and they can arrange a meeting or a phone call with your child's class teacher.

A member of our SLT will be available each morning on the school grounds.

Where can I find out about events in school?

Important dates will be sent out via the school newsletter.

Class pages are updated regularly on the school website showing photos and updates of what your children have been learning about in school. We also have an Awards page to celebrate certificate winners each week.

Texts are sent home via my school app so please make sure you are signed up to this.



What happens before and after school?

All children will wait on the playground accompanied by an adult.

We ask that no ball games are played before or after school and bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the playground, ensuring safety of pupils and adults.

Class teachers will come out to collect their class at 8:50am and children will line up.

At home time, classes will be brought out to meet their parents/carers into the Key Stage 1 playground at 3:20. Please do not call your child out of the class line. We will hand them over to you. We appreciate your patience as we want to ensure safety.

What do I do if my child is being collected by someone else?

Please contact the office to inform us if someone other than a parent or carer is collecting your child that day.

What can my child bring to school?

Children are asked to bring a water bottle into school each day. We ask that these contain water (no flavoured drinks are allowed).

Children should bring their home learning diary to school each day- please record any home learning and reading completed at home in these. Teachers will check these weekly.

School visits!

School visits have been carefully planned to complement our school curriculum.

In year 1 we visit-

Eureka, The Chocolate Story (York), Skipton Castle.

More information will follow and you can pay this via parent pay. Please see the office team if you need any support with this.

We also have visits and workshops.

Other opportunities

School Council

After school clubs

Place to talk

Artis

Sports Coaches (LU'FC, GT Sports, Premier Sports)

Attendance

In order for your child to enjoy all that is on offer at Beechwood and to ensure that they make the excellent progress that we know they can, it is important that they are in school each day on time. We have many exciting attendance rewards.

Just a few from last year were:

Cinema vouchers

Slime

Bubble football

*Have a look through some books from our
previous Year 1 children to see all your children
will be learning and achieving this year.
Feel free to ask any questions. Thank you for
coming and helping us to support your child with
their journey in Year 1 😊*