

Bowfell Class

Autumn 1 Overview 2019

EYFS/Year One

'Amazing Animals'

Nursery/Reception

Mathematics

- Numbers & place value.
- Numberblocks.
- Addition and subtraction.

Literacy

Story focus for Autumn 1: Dear Zoo

- Phase 1/2 phonics - sound discrimination/initial letter sounds.
- Story and rhyme time.
- Retelling stories using props and small world equipment.
- Squiggle while you wiggle!
- Mark making/letter formation, name writing.
- Animal poems.

Physical Development

- Squiggle while you wiggle!
- Funky Fingers area with a weekly focus.
- Malleable area.
- Dough disco.
- Outdoor play.
- Painting/creative/ writing areas with activities.
- Bikes and trikes time.

Understanding the World

- 'Open the Book' & assemblies.
- Reflection time.

Communication and Language & Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Phase 1/2/phonics.
- Weekly show & tell.
- Circle time.
- Snack time.
- Settling in, rules and routines/expectations.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Creative area.
- Malleable area.
- Painting area.

English/Literacy

Story focus for Autumn 1: Dear Zoo

- Phase 2/Phase 3/4/5 phonics.
- Phonics challenges during continuous provision time.
- 1:1 reading.
- Writing lists, labels and captions.
- Animal poems to learn by heart.
- Story telling using 'Talk for Writing' approach including 'story telling shelves'.

Maths

- Number & place value.
- Addition and subtraction.
- Shape.
- Maths challenges in continuous provision.
- Numberblocks.

Art/DT

- Cooking and nutrition.
- The work of Kandinsky - colour, pattern, line and shape.

Science/ Knowledge & Understanding of the World

- Animals including humans.
- 'Open the Book' & assemblies.
- Reflection time.

History

- Famous Artist - Kandinsky.

PE/Physical Development

- Funky Fingers area with a weekly focus.
- Weekly PE lessons with Mrs Craggs.
- Dough disco.

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Celebrations

- What is a celebration?
- How do Christians show they are thankful at Harvest time?

Reception/Year One

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely and restful summer break. Please find above information regarding our learning in Bowfell for the first part of the Autumn Term.

You may notice that we now have a 'book focus' which will change each half term. The book for Autumn 1 is 'Dear Zoo' to support our topic 'Amazing Animals'. In addition to the learning documented above, we have lots of additional experiences planned for this term - more details to follow!

Reading books - FAO Reception/Year One

Reading books should be brought into school each morning and placed in the white labelled basket which is now located on the small table next to the stairs at the right hand-side of the classroom. Reading books will be changed on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** only. Please be mindful that it is not important how quickly your child reads a book or how many they read over the course of the week. Re-reading texts helps to improve fluency and comprehension and sharing story books from home and magazines/ comics is also a brilliant way of developing a lifelong love of reading. We encourage children to read 5 times each week, please make a short comment and sign your child's reading record each time they have read.

Reception children will begin to bring home reading materials over the next few weeks.

If children in Nursery would like to take a book home to share, there will be a basket of books to choose from on the carpet each morning - please take home, enjoy and return when finished.

Morning routine

Please encourage your child to enter school as independently as possible. You can do this by allowing children to hang up their own coats/bags on their pegs, putting reading books in the basket and their book bag in the box themselves. Nursery and Reception now have their own labelled book bag box located next to the Nursery coat pegs and Year One have a box in Helvellyn classroom.

Please also, where possible, encourage your child to write their name next to their lunch choice. Both year groups will have morning tasks/activities out each day to complete. Year One will complete their tasks in Helvellyn classroom, located adjoining to Bowfell before the bell rings at 8.45am after which time they will come next door for register and welcome time.

Reception/Nursery children should look for their wooden name disc on one of the tables where their activities will be. Please encourage them to complete tasks as independently as possible and once they are settled and engaged it is often a good time to say goodbye and leave the classroom! We pride ourselves on our open door policy and enjoy welcoming you into the classroom, however it is becoming increasingly busy each morning and we want to maintain our calm learning environment as much as possible. If you are still in class when the bell rings, please can you ensure that you leave promptly so that we are able to continue with our morning routine. Any parents/carers remaining after this time will be politely asked to leave.

Nursery trays

Children in Nursery will have their own labelled tray located in Bowfell classroom. This will be used to store any letters which are sent home on days your child may not attend Nursery. Please check and empty your child's tray regularly.

Clothing

Please ensure your child has spare clothing on their pegs at all times. Please can this include socks and underwear. Spare clothes do not have to be uniform, just something they are able to change into in case of any accidents. All children in Bowfell class must have a puddle suit/waterproof coat/trousers and wellies in order to access our sandpit, mud kitchen and water wall. Please send your child appropriately dressed for the weather - we go outside no matter rain or shine!

PE

PE lessons this year will take place on a Monday and Thursday. Kits should be left on pegs and will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. Please ensure that all uniform including PE kit and pumps are clearly labelled with your child's name and include a hoody, long bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, as well as shorts, t-shirt and pumps for indoor lessons.

Letters

On the shelf next to the door you will find a black box. Please use this for any slips/money that need to go to Mrs Coker in the office. Please do not hand them directly to staff.

Junk modelling

We would appreciate any donations of recycling such as tubes, boxes, plastic pots etc for our junk modelling area.

Show and Tell

Please ensure that items for show and tell are in a bag and left on your child's peg on arrival at school. Show and Tell for Nursery children will take place on a Friday beginning on the 13th September. Show and tell for Reception will

continue next Thursday for group 2. Details of your child's group can be found on the blue door on the right hand-side of Bowfell as you enter the classroom.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Haslam and the Bowfell Team