



Dear Parents and carers,

What a fantastic first half term of Year 1 we have had! All of the children have settled in so well and are already making us so proud. As we start our second half of the autumn term, we are writing to let you know what we will be learning and all of the exciting things we have in the lead up to Christmas.

Our Curriculum

As a school we work tirelessly to make sure our curriculum is up-to-date as well as exciting and engaging for all our children. This half-term our theme is **Funny Bones!** Our themes for the year and more information about our long term plan can be found on the school website, www.fileyinfants.ebor.academy under Teaching and Learning - Curriculum.

This half-term in science we will be learning about our amazing bodies. Children will learn to name basic body parts and will have the opportunity to explore their five senses and associated body parts. We would love to arrange a visit from a local nurse or doctor as part of our learning about the human body. If you or anyone you know would be interested in visiting our class please let us know.

In DT children will be thinking about making healthy food choices. Children will design, make and evaluate their own fruit salad. In History the children will be thinking about their own histories. They will be exploring what has happened in their lives so far and will work towards creating their personal timelines. In Computing this term we will be learning about technology. We will explore the difference between technology and information technology and will consider the many uses and benefits of information technology in today's modern world.

In RE children will be considering the questions: What do Christians believe God is like? As we get closer to Christmas they will also cover the Christmas Story and will have the opportunity to make Christmas cards, decorations and calendars.

We will also be covering the seasonal changes we are currently experiencing as we move further through autumn and into winter.

Christmas Festivities

We have numerous special events in the run up to Christmas as well this term, the dates for all of these can be found on the weekly newsletter. This includes our Year 1 Nativity which will be on **Monday 8th December at 1.30 and Tuesday 9th December at 9.30**, more details about which will be shared closer to the time.

PE

Children will have twice-weekly PE sessions. This half term our PE days will be **Monday** and **Wednesday**. On these days please ensure that your child is properly prepared. If they wear earrings please remove them before school (staff are not able to support them with this). Please can all long hair be securely tied up to avoid any accidents.

Children must have the correct PE kit with them. This should include named; white t-shirt, black or navy shorts, and trainers for outside. Feel free to also include leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper as the weather gets colder. Children are welcome to leave this hanging on their peg all half-term to make life easier!

Uniform

Do not forget, as a school we are trying to do our bit for the planet and recycle as much as possible. If you would like any uniform or some PE kit from our good quality second hand uniform cupboard, please phone the office or catch us at the door.

Phonics and Reading

We will continue to have daily phonics and reading practice sessions. To enable you to best support your child's phonics at home, we will continue sending home a sheet each Friday detailing what we have covered so you know what to practise with them.

In school reading books will be changed regularly. We aim to change books every week but on some occasions this may be fortnightly. This book will be available to read the following week on our online reading platform, Collins Hub (login details in reading records).

Children will also be able to bring home a physical book to read. This can be read and changed as regularly as they wish. In year 1, children are given the responsibility of changing this book themselves. Whilst we do remind them regularly, please let us know if it keeps getting missed!

As a school we recommend that children read at home every day, so please read as regularly as you are able to.

Library

During the week children will visit our Big Red Reading Bus twice. We will have a whole class story time on the bus, as well as allowing another opportunity for children to choose and borrow their own book. Please support your child to remember to bring their library book to change every **Wednesday**.

Homework

We have been so impressed with everyone's efforts with homework so far this year. The children will continue to receive weekly homework. We try to provide a range of engaging activities covering all different areas of the curriculum. Each week these can be found in children's yellow homework books. Homework will be given out each Friday. Please help your child to return their homework to school by the following **Wednesday** so we can mark and update their books. Although we encourage this to be completed every week, we understand that sometimes life is just a bit busy so please do not worry!

Weekly Newsletters

As always Mrs Clark and Mrs Stubbs will continue to write weekly newsletters to keep you up-to-date with all the exciting things happening in school. To reduce our paper use and do our part for the planet, these will be emailed out every Friday. Please contact the office if you are not receiving them. These newsletters also include important upcoming dates that you need to be aware of so please take the time to check them weekly.

Thank you in advance for all of your support. Please always remember that school is here to help if you need us.

Kind regards,

Miss Ring and Miss Ghorst