

# Curriculum Newsletter

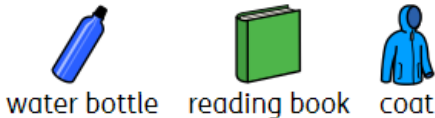
Year 1 - Term 3 - 2024/2025

Welcome back and Happy New Year.

We hope you had a restful break and are ready for a busy term 3.

Please make sure you regularly log onto Class Dojo to check for information and to see all our amazing work!

It is very important your child brings in their **water bottle**, **reading book** and a **coat** every day!



## Dates for Term 3

7<sup>th</sup> January: Term 3 starts

22<sup>nd</sup> January: Y1 and Y2 Open Event

29<sup>th</sup> January: Y1 and Reception visit to Junction 3 Library

14<sup>th</sup> February: Last Day of Term 3

25<sup>th</sup> February: Start of Term 4

## Authors



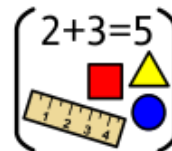
As authors this term, we will be reading **Augustus and his Smile**, and also **The Barnabus Project**.

We will be applying our writing skills from Term 1 and Term 2 to help us write about Augustus and his adventures.

We will then be reading about Barnabus and applying our knowledge about animals and using our imaginations to create our own animal fact files.

Please ask us about our books at home – we are always very excited to share our learning with you!

## Mathematicians



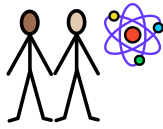
As mathematicians, we will be deepening our knowledge and understanding of numbers within 10.

As a class we will continue to practice number formations and adding and subtracting.

We will also be revisiting odd and even number patterns, being able to count 2 more and 2 less and using our knowledge of 5 and a bit to help with adding and subtracting.

Don't forget to keep asking us to help with counting tasks at home.

### Scientists



As scientists this term we will be investigating Animals.

We will be looking at identifying and classifying a variety of common animals including fish, birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles.

We will investigate what some of these animals eat, and what habitats they have, as well as learning to identify and name key features, such as beaks, tails and fins.

### Athletes



Our athlete lessons for Term 3 are on **Thursday**.

Children should come to school dressed ready for athlete lessons in sports kit and trainers.

As athletes this term we will explore movement through our Real PE curriculum.

Bristol Robins coaches will also be teaching our sports sessions this term.

### Phonics



As readers and writers this term, we will be continuing to learn our new Phase 5a phonemes and graphemes. We also have lots of new common exception words to read and learn to spell.

We will also continue to recap Phase 2 and Phase 3.

Please remember to ask us about our phonics at home.

### At home learning



Please listen to your child read at home **5 times per week**. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age. *Just 5 minutes per day makes a big difference.*

Don't forget to ask your child to identify the sounds in the words – they will be very keen to show off their phonics skills!

We will be regularly checking if your child has been reading and will change home reading books when appropriate. Enjoy reading together!

If you have any questions at all, please contact me through ClassDojo or speak with myself at the door.

Yours Sincerely,  
**Miss Goodfellow – Year 1 Class Teacher**