

Townley School



Autumn Term 2015

Class 1 – Mrs Culyer

Year Reception –

Phonics- The children begin by practising their listening skills, making sounds themselves and in the environment by joining in with rhyming and alliteration. Later in the term the children will be learning their initial sounds (phase 2) as well as learning to read a range of high frequency and tricky words, which will support them in their reading. The children love to use the phonics games available on www.phonicsplay.co.uk, the school subscribes to this website but some elements are free and are well worth exploring with your child to help continue their phonetic development beyond the classroom. We will send home weekly activities with the children in their homework books. If you have any questions or would like to come and join us for a phonics session please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Reading

Your child has been enjoying a range of texts in class. Formal reading books and diaries will be sent out before the half term holidays. We encourage you to continue sharing books with your child at home. If you prefer, school books are available to borrow. There is a labelled box and signing out/in sheet in the cloakroom. Please fill in your child's reading log.

Remember 'Take 10' reading time is every Thursday morning. Thank you to all the parents that support us regularly and if you haven't been along yet we hope to see you soon. Toddlers/Babies welcome!

English The children will be sharing stories in different settings such as 'The Queen's Knickers.' Learning about labels, lists, signs and posters. Sharing nursery rhymes, traditional rhymes, stories with repeating patterns as well as learning about information texts. Your child will be taking part in one or two focussed literacy activities a week. We also have and indoor an outdoor writing area which we encourage the children to use.

Handwriting-Your child takes part in daily handwriting sessions which involve warming up their arms, wrists, hands and fingers before writing. Later on in the term the children will complete exercises from their handwriting book which involve different types of lines and letters. Please practise name writing at home. Name cards will be sent home.

Homework.

Homework will begin at October half term. Homework will be sent out every Friday (in homework books) and books will be collected in and marked the following Wednesday. It is important to help your child complete their homework as it does relate to their learning in class.

Show and tell.

Your child has their own show and tell day (see separate notice) on which they are encouraged to share what they have brought in. Show and tell notes will be sent out on a Thursday the week before and will link to current learning. No toys please.

Reception learning journals.

Your child's journal is available online at: <https://eylj.org/login/>

Please enter your login details to view it. Updates will take place every few days. If you require a new password please let me know.

Please check out the school's website for up to date news and photographs from class one.

In class 1 we operate an open door policy. Please do not hesitate to come in if you have any questions or queries.

Understanding of the World.

Science –We are learning about ourselves and our bodies this term. We will be exploring our sense organs through a range of practical activities and games. Later on in the term we will be learning about animals and their homes.

Geography – We will be learning about ‘Where we are’ with a focus on fieldwork and well as both physical and human geography.

History- We will be learning about ‘Monarchs of England’.

R.E –This term we will be learning about ‘What it means to belong to a faith family’ as well as festivals including Harvest, Diwali and Christmas. We will also be learning about special stories that link to these.

Computing.

Y1-Your child will visit the suite every Wednesday to develop their computer skills.

YR-Your child will be encouraged to use the computers and technologies available in class regularly.

We always encourage safe internet use at Townley school.

Year 1 –

Phonics-Your child will continue to revisit the phase 3 phonemes learnt as well as working through phase 4 which involves lots of spelling, reading and writing range of tricky and high frequency words. Later on in the term the children will learn some new digraphs in phase 5. The children love to use the phonics games available on www.phonicsplay.co.uk, the school subscribes to this website but some elements are free and are well worth exploring with your child to help continue their phonetic development beyond the classroom. If you have any questions or would like to come and join us for a phonics session please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Reading

Children in year 1 will be taking part in a weekly guided reading session to build up their confidence, develop their use of letters and sounds as well as word recognition. The children will work on their understanding and expression too.

We will listen to your child read in school each week but require your daily support to help your child move forward. Remember to ask your child questions about what they are reading to check their understanding. Regular practise really does make all the difference. Please note the expected level for the end of year 1 is level 16.

English- The children will be sharing stories in different settings such as ‘The Queen’s Knickers.’ Learning about labels, lists, signs and posters. Sharing nursery rhymes, traditional rhymes, stories with repeating patterns as well as learning about information texts. We will have different grammar focuses throughout the term beginning with the correct use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Going onto using exclamation marks, question marks and adjectives. Please see the additional sheet for expectations in English for year 1 children.

Y1 children will also have personal targets to work on during each session.

Handwriting- Your child takes part in daily handwriting sessions which involve warming up their arms, wrists, hands and fingers before writing. The children will complete exercises from their handwriting book which involve different types of lines and letters.

Spellings

Y1 -Children will have weekly spelling tests. Please practise at home.

We do practise in school every Tuesday morning too.

Maths

YR – Numbers to 20, counting, reading, recognising, ordering and writing. We will also be finding 1 more/less and in between numbers. Recognising coins, shopping, days of the week, what a minute is, non-standard measure and 2D shapes.

Y1-Counting, recognising and estimating numbers. Finding more/less, place order and partitioning into tens and ones. Number pairs to 5, adding by counting on, recognising and adding coins, telling the time, key events in the day. Estimating, measuring and comparing objects as well as using measures (standard and non standard).

Indoor and outdoor maths areas are available for children to use at all times.

All children.

Art – Painting, collaging and clay work all with links to topic work helping your child to explore different mediums and learn new skills.

Design Technology – Designing, making and evaluating a pair of knickers/pants fit for a king or queen.

Music – We will be learning a range of well-known songs with lots of action. As well as songs linked to Harvest and Christmas.

Personal, Emotional and Social Development

PSHE – The children will be learning about 'Me and my world' and then later in the term 'My body and growing up'.

P.E. –We will be enjoying gymnastics this term. Learning to explore space and how our bodies can move on and off equipment. We will also be working with the cyber coaches and learning how to keep fit. P.E is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays please make sure your child's kit is in school on those days and earrings are removed at home.