



ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL Y1 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Year 1 Class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead. This term, our context for learning is:

Are toys of today better than toys of the past?

The Year 1 Team: Class teachers—Ms Shamkhi and Miss Okworobu

Class TAs - Mrs Hrkic and Mrs Mehmet

English

We are starting off the year with writing sentences linked to the book 'This is the Bear' by Sarah Hayes. The children will then learn to retell and write the story of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'. This will be followed by fiction writing inspired by stories with familiar settings such as 'Tatty Ratty' and 'Jamaica's Find'. We will be learning how to use story maps to help us act out and remember our own stories before writing them.

Maths

In Maths, we will be covering a variety of knowledge and skill-based activities linked to real life situations. We will be developing the children's knowledge of place value and number, number bonds, and problem solving. We will also learn about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

History

This term, the children will be exploring how toys and games have changed over time. They will look at similarities and differences between toys today and toys of the past. Children will also learn about an important individual linked to changes in toys i.e. Ole Kirk Christiansen and the changes seen in Lego.

Science

We will be exploring 'Changing Seasons' in Year 1 and the children will learn about how our local landscape changes over the year.

Our Science topic for the Autumn term is 'Animals including Humans'. Children will identify and name a variety of common animals and will also learn the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. The children will learn about their own bodies by labelling the different body parts and exploring the five senses.



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PE

Our indoor PE will be dance linked to our History topic 'Toys'. Children will learn to move and dance in a controlled way following a beat. Our outdoor PE will be ball skills and the children will learn to throw and catch balls. Outdoor PE will be taught by a PE coach.

Art

This term's Art focus is painting and sketching still life. We will be looking at the artist Patrick Caulfield to inspire us when sketching and painting toys. Children will develop their skills to draw lines of different shapes and thickness, using two different shades of pencil, crayons and brushes.

DT

Our DT is linked to our History topic of 'Toys' and the children will be designing and making their miniature version of playground equipment. They will perform skills such as cutting, joining and selecting appropriate materials.

Computing

During the Autumn Term, children will be introduced to the different components of a computer and computer systems. They will learn the use of the different keys on a keyboard and will practise using a mouse.

RE

Our RE topic this term is 'Natural World'. The children will be encouraged to notice the world around them, the changes in nature and in themselves. They will learn to care about their environment and the creatures living within it. They will also be introduced to some beliefs in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

PSHE

This term, we will be talking about managing feelings in various situations as well as managing risk and staying safe.

Reminders

Jewellery: The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. If possible your child should not wear earrings on PE days.

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage them to look after their belongings. If you are unsure about school uniform, please look on the school website.

We endeavour to be a nut and sesame-free school. Please be aware of this when you prepare your child's lunch box. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, pesto, hummus and products with sesame seeds.

Birthdays: If you would like to make a gift of a book for the class to celebrate your child's birthday, that would be much appreciated.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle, filled with water, each day.

PE : Indoor PE: 1NS and 1JO on Thursdays. Please remember your child needs a round neck white short sleeved t-shirt and navy shorts (above the knee).

Outdoor PE : 1NS on Wednesdays and 1JO on Fridays, for which your child will need a white round neck t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plimsolls.

Home Learning

Your child will have learning to do at home each week. This will include:

Mathletics: This will be set each week on Monday.

Big Cat books online and books from the class library: We expect children to read 4-5 times a week and record this in their journal (to be signed by their parent/ Carer)

Phonics or spellings on Google Classroom:

The class teacher will add these to the class stream on your Classroom.

The children have some additional challenges provided in the 'Take away tasks'. Please bring these in to school so we can celebrate your child's work.

Important dates

Parent Meeting-Y1

Thu 29th September

Visit to Baxter Fields for DT

Thu 13th October—TBC

Half term

Mon 24th October – Friday 28th October

Last day of term

16th December