

Christ Church Walshaw Year 1 Ash Class

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Summer. We've got an exciting term ahead of us. Please find some information regarding the curriculum below.

Here is a reminder of the school times for your reference:

School Starts 8.55am

Doors open from 8:45am

Morning Break 10.00am - 10.15am

Lunch 12.00 noon - 1.00pm

Afternoon Break 2.00pm - 2.10pm

Collective Worship 3.00pm – 3.20pm

School Ends 3.25pm

Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school daily.
- Please make sure your child brings a coat to school.
- Please can all jumpers, cardigans and fleeces in particular be labelled clearly with your child's name.
- Reading books get changed **every Friday**. Please ensure your child reads regularly throughout the week. It is so important that children are reading as much as possible. This will support your child with reading words in their statutory phonics screening check that they will take at the beginning of Summer 2 (more information will be shared during Parents meeting).
- Just a reminder that any children who aren't collected after ten minutes at the end of their school day will be placed into After School Club which is located in the Porta Cabin.

The Curriculum

History In our first history topic, *Nurturing Nurses*, we'll be learning about the lives and incredible contributions of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We'll also explore what it means to be healthy and how the NHS helps to care for people today.

R.E. This half term our RE unit is called 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community. Throughout this unit the children will revisit prior knowledge about Muslims, Christians and Jewish people. The pupils will be provided with opportunities to encounter artefacts, places of worship and symbols.

English This half term, we will be reading the texts 'The Gingerbread Man,' 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon' and 'Rapunzel.' We will be focusing on captions and building

simple sentences punctuated with capital letters and full stops. We will be focusing on Instruction, Letter Writing and will be creating some twisted Fairy Tales.

P.E. Tuesday

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be learning about:

- Numbers to 10
- Number bond to 10
- Addition within 10
- Subtraction within 10

Science-

In Science, our topic this term is *The Human Body*. We'll be identifying and drawing the different parts of the body, as well as exploring our five senses: sight, sound, taste, touch, and smell. Through fun activities and investigations, we'll learn how our bodies help us understand and interact with the world around us.

Homework

Each term, the children will receive home learning challenges to complete as part of their homework. Please see home learning book with challenges and guidance stuck in on the front page. The children in Year 1 will have weekly spellings to learn each week which are tested each Friday, a letter with more information will follow.

There is more detail on your child's curriculum on their class page on the school website. We also try to add photos to Facebook regularly. You can follow us @ccwalshaw.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the team if you would like to discuss any issue regarding your child. The easiest way to do this is to send an email to ccwalshaw@bury.gov.uk and put for the attention of and then your child's teacher.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Mrs Dench, Mrs Fox and The Key Stage 1 Team