

Christ Church Walshaw Year 1 Ash Class

Autumn 2 Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

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

Key dates:

- Tuesday 4th November – School re-opens
- Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 9th December – Nativity performance pm
- Wednesday 10th December – School pantomime trip
- Friday 1 th December – Nativity performance am
- Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Experience in school
- Friday 19th December – School closes

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 you 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.
- 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 next history topic, our learning question will be 'How did we reach the moon?' We will be looking at photographs and clips of the moon to ensure the children understanding of the moons place in space.

R.E. This half term our RE unit is called 'What do Christians believe God is like?' This term, children will be learning about what Christians believe God is like. They will explore how Christians see God as loving, powerful, and caring, and how He is shown as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

English This half term, we will be reading the texts 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies and 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. Using these wonderful texts as inspiration, we'll explore oral storytelling and role play, while also learning to write non-chronological reports about sea life and letters.

P.E. Tuesday

Maths

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

- Numbers to 20
- Addition and Subtraction within 20
- Shapes and Patterns

Science- This half term in science, we will be learning all about materials. The children will be exploring different materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal, and rock. We will be finding out about the properties of these materials and discovering whether they can melt, freeze, float, sink, or absorb water. The children will have lots of fun working scientifically through a range of exciting hands-on investigations.

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