

Year 1 Bassett Green Buzz Learning Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

Autumn Term 1 2026



BASSETT GREEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Expectations

Daily reading for 15 minutes including reading books on Boost

Weekly phonics practice

Weekly spelling practice

Weekly NumBots practice

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HOME LEARNING PROJECT

This term in history we are learning about...

Toys

We would like you to design or make a brand new toy or game, for children that are 5 or 6 years old!

You could design/make:

- a board game
- a puppet
- a moving toy

Here are some examples:



We can't wait to see your toys and games!
Please bring them in to school by
Wednesday 23rd September.

Big Question:

What helps us feel like we belong in our class and school?

Overarching Theme:

Belonging

Key Dates for Year 1:

Wednesday 23rd September - Home Learning Project due in school

Friday 16th October - Turner Sims concert 'Blown Away'

PE Days

PE days change each week.
Therefore PE kits need to be in school every day.



Be Brave Be Brilliant Be our Best

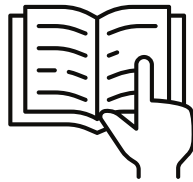
Learning Journeys

Reading

Key skills we will develop are:

- Using our finger to follow what we are reading
- Sounding out and then blending to read unknown words
- Reading common exception words
- Rereading a sentence to check we understand it

We will be reading a range of books that are matched to the sounds that we are learning in phonics.



Phonics

We will be learning new sounds from Set 1 and Set 2 and common exception words to support us with our reading.

Rocket Phonics



Writing

Main Outcome 1: Own adventure story

Purpose: To entertain

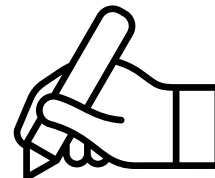
Main Outcome 2: Fact File about being an astronaut

Purpose: To inform

Other Outcomes: Letters, diaries, captions, fact file on buses.
Writing in role, commands and how to guides.

Key skills we will develop are:

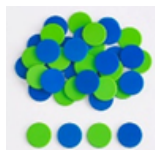
- Saying out loud what we are writing about
- Sequencing sentences to form short narratives
- Re-reading what we have written
- Using and to join ideas
- Separation of words with spaces
- Capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks



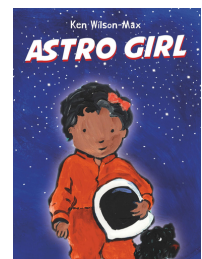
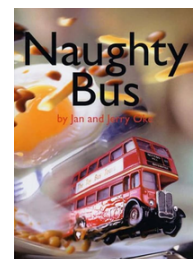
Maths

Key skills we will develop are:

- Numbers within 10
- Addition and Subtraction within 10
- Shape and Patterns
- Numbers to 20
- Addition and Subtraction within 20



Our writing texts:



Foundation Subjects

Science:

Plants

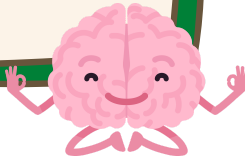
Naming wild and garden plants including deciduous and evergreen trees, describing the structure of plants

Seasonal Changes: Autumn



PSHE:

My Happy Mind: Meet your brain what happens when you feel different emotions. Name and notice your feelings and how they can affect behaviour. How and who to ask for help.



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Explore and use mechanisms

Lever and sliders

Design, make and evaluate a moving picture



RE:

Golden Thread: Belonging
Harvest celebrations to say thank you
Christian and Jewish faith traditions



Talk through stories:

We will be reading a range of quality stories that are linked to our theme 'Journeys and Explorations'

Computing:

E-safety: Self-image and identity

Computer Science: Beebots

Writing an algorithm to direct a Beebot



History:

Changes within living memory

Toys

Comparison from old to new



Music:

My favourite things: Keeping the pulse

Learning how to keep a steady pulse, pupils take part in music and movement activities inspired by their favourite things. They move to the beat of the music while expressing and responding to objects and experiences that are meaningful to them.



PE:

Striking and fielding games

Dance



How can you help your child at home?

Reading

Reading is an essential skill that children must develop so that they can access the whole curriculum at school and beyond. We are passionate about ensuring that children have a love of reading and practise reading from a variety of places e.g. books and websites.

It is important that children read a range of texts including non-fiction and poetry. To help your child at home develop their reading skills you can:

- Read every day and record it in their home learning journal
- Talk about books with your child to encourage a love of reading
- Take your child to the local library to borrow books
- Encourage your child to sound out unknown words and re read to check their understanding
- Practise weekly phonics sounds that are sent home



Science

In science, children will begin to learn about the seasons. This is a topic that is covered throughout the year as the seasons change.

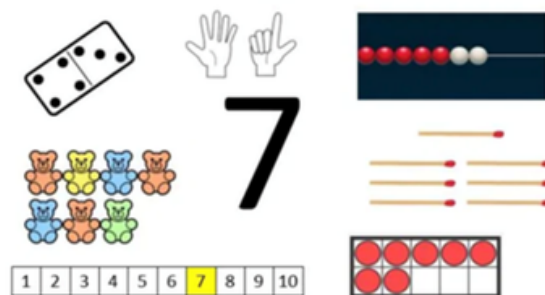
To support your child you can:

- Look for signs of autumn when you are out and about
- Talk about which months of the year match each season
- Use a months of the year song to help them learn the months. This is a link to a song that we use in class:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pq4VC0Uul6w>



Maths

In Maths, children will be counting, ordering and **representing** numbers. This means they can show a number in many different ways - like the example below.



Encourage your child to practise representing numbers to 20. You could use objects and toys that you have at home. For example, Lego, dolls or pencils.

