

Year 1 Bassett Green Buzz Learning Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

Autumn Term 2 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

Home learning project

Year 1 Autumn 2

HOME LEARNING PROJECT

This term in geography we are learning about...

Maps

We would like you to draw or create your own map of a familiar place to you.

You could:

- draw a map
- make a map

Here are some examples:



We can't wait to see your maps!

Please bring them in to school by
Wednesday 18th November

Big Question:

How do we keep going when something feels tricky?

Overarching Theme:

Overcoming challenges

Key Dates for Year 1:

Home learning project due -
Wednesday 18th November

Whole School Pantomime - Thursday
26th November

Inset day - Friday 18th Decemeber

PE Days

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



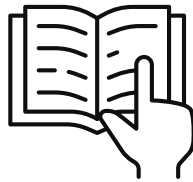
Be Brave Be Brilliant Be our Best

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 and common exception words to support us with our reading.
Words: oh, their, people, Mr, Mrs, looked, called, asked, could, water, where



Writing

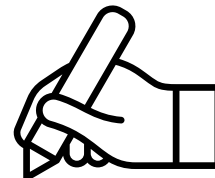
Main Outcome 1: Guide on how to look after a dragon
Purpose: To inform

Main Outcome 2: Own version 'defeat a monster' narrative
Purpose: To entertain

Other Outcomes: Letters, note of advice, instructions, menu, speech bubble, wanted poster, summary, emails, character description, recipes

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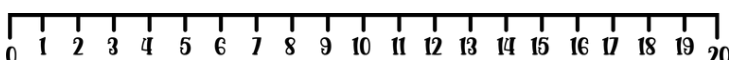
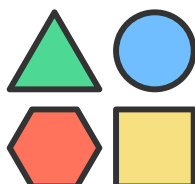
- Using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- Using phonics to spell words
- Using think, say, write, check
- Using adjectives
- Using 'and' to join clauses



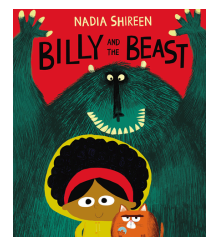
Maths

Key skills we will develop are:

- Shape and patterns
- Numbers to 20
- Addition and subtraction within 20
- Number bonds



Our writing texts:



Foundation Subjects

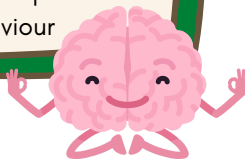
Science:

Everyday Materials
Objects and the material from which it is made; physical properties; compare and group on the basis of their simple physical properties
Seasonal Changes: Autumn and Winter



PSHE:

My Happy Mind Places – children learn to notice and name their feelings, understand how emotions can affect behaviour and how to manage
My Happy Mind Plus – showing respect and managing harmful behaviour



Art

Create artwork on seasonal change using mark making as a drawing technique



RE:

Golden Thread: Special
Light as a symbol
Advent, Diwali and Hanukkah



Talk through stories:

We will be reading a range of quality stories that are linked to our theme 'Overcoming challenges'.

Computing:

E-safety: Online relationships
Computer Science: Beebots
Writing an algorithm to direct a Beebot



Geography:

Local Study: Immediate environment
Directional language, key human and physical features



Music:

Snail and mouse: Tempo
Using voices, bodies and instruments to listen and respond to different pieces of music.



PE:

Net and wall games
Gymnastics



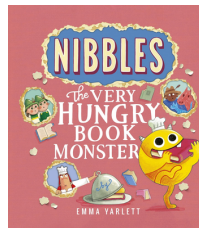
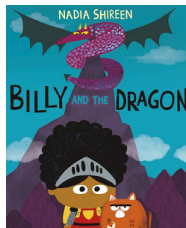
How can you help your child at home?

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.

We recommend that children read the following books. We would love to hear what the children think of the stories!

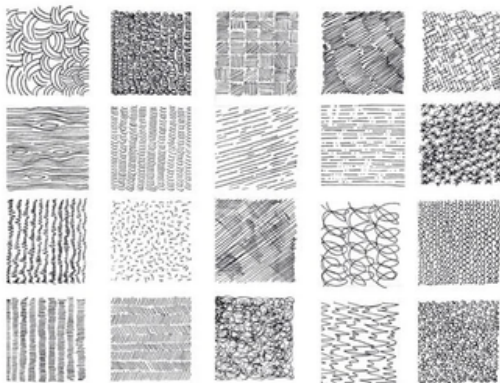
- Billy and the Dragon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cxxol2isH74>
- How to grow a Dragon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNnTGpFp8m8>
- Nibbles the very hungry book monster <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxP5hd2aCmE>



Art

In Art, children will be learning to develop their drawing skills through mark making as a technique. This is something that is easy to try at home.

Look at the picture below as an example. Ask your child to make different lines with their pencil. Can they draw straight, curved or zig zag lines? Can they draw spirals or different shapes?



RE

In RE, children will be learning about light as a symbol and the special events of Advent, Diwali and Hanukkah.

This video explores Diwali.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/l ets-celebrate-diwali>



This video explores the story of Hanukkah

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z47wxyz>

