

Parrot Class Newsletter

Welcome back

September 2021



It has been lovely to see the holiday writing journals, what fun you have had! Please can we have all writing journals in school by the end of the week. We are well into our new term and the children are settled and working hard. We are Parrot Class this year so we will begin our learning this term finding out facts about parrots. We would also like to welcome our new reception children and their parents to Langdon, we will work with you as partners in your child's learning and we can't wait to see their progress in learning both at home and at school.

Our learning this term will be mainly about:

Parrots and Ourselves

We will begin by looking at a range of non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using this as a starting point for our writing. Then we will learn the non-fiction text through actions and role play. Next, we will map the text using pictures to help us remember the text. Finally, we will write the text together as a class. Y1 children will be writing a short text.

We will also :

- Create a habitat for a parrot
- Label a human and a parrot, then explore the similarities and differences between them
- Learn how to draw a parrot in six steps
- Paint a self portrait of ourselves and design a picture frame
- Draw a picture to show who lives in our house
- Talk about important people and places we know in our community
- Go on an autumn walk and talk about the changes we can see as a new season arrives
- Paint an autumn tree using acrylic paint

Diary Dates

27th September 3-5pm

Meet the teacher, a chance to pop in to see your child's classroom and have a quick chat.

7th October

Bag 2 school, shortly you will receive an empty sack to fill with any unwanted clothes or accessories.

13th October

Flu vaccination, this is available for all children.

21st October

Individual photographs, siblings are welcome too from 8.30am

25th-29th October

Half term

1st November

Term 2 begins



Reading at Home

We really value your comments about how your child interacts with a book so please could you write the date and a brief comment in the reading record book each time you read with your child. This record book is for your comments only. Please rest assured that your child will be reading in school every day. This could be during daily Guided Reading and writing sessions, Sounds-Write teaching or reading individually with an adult.



Mathematics

In Reception we aim to teach so that children have a deep understanding of numbers up to 10. We will be learning to:

Count objects, actions and sounds

Count to 5

Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal value number

Understand the 'one more/ one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers

Explore the composition of numbers to 5

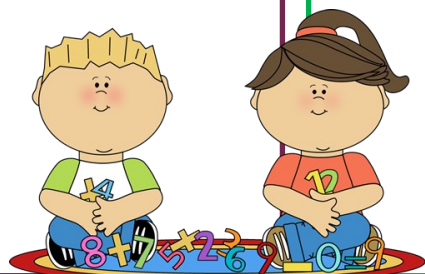
In Year 1 we will be learning to:

Count, write and order numbers to 20 and beyond

Count in 2s, 5s and 10s

Add two single digit numbers

Find the difference
Automatically recall number bonds of 10



We recommend that you read every night but only one night a week is Buster's Book club reading night, at our school it is Wednesday night. In your child's reading record book, there will be a special Buster's Book Club bookmark and you note the date and the number of minutes they read and sign/initial it. The reading target is a recommendation and something to aim for.

What type of reading is counted?

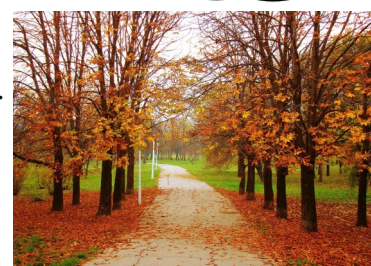
This needs to be fun for your child so reading magazines, comics, listening to audio books counts too. Also, when you read to your child this will count. **Please make sure you sign and date your child's bookmark.**

Science

To understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.



We will go on an autumn walk and collect natural items. Then we will discuss what we can see, hear, feel, smell and taste.



In Year 1 we will also be learning to:

Observe changes across the seasons.
Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

Family Photograph

Finally, please can you send in a photo of your family, as we want to create a family gallery to put in our role play area.

