



Hello and welcome to 1A! Autumn 2022



Meet the team

Miss Winwood

Mrs Law

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a good summer. This newsletter aims to answer any questions you may have and give you some information about what your child will be learning this term.

I am Miss Winwood and I am pleased to be teaching your child in Year 1 this academic year! It has been fantastic to see how enthusiastic and excited the children have been to come back to school at the start of September. They have transitioned really well from Reception and are adapting to new routines brilliantly.

When I am having fun planning new exciting activities, Mrs Cradock and Miss Monk will be teaching PE, Phonics and RE. This is currently on Tuesday mornings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk or leave a message with the office on 01384 389900 if you have any questions.

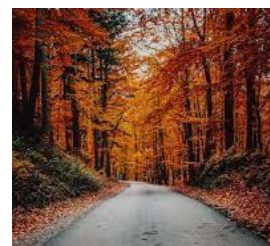
Curriculum

During the Autumn term, we are focusing on settling the children back in to school and the new daily routines.

English	<p>During year 1, phonics is a particular focus; it is the building blocks for reading and writing. Children will be taking part in daily 'Monster Phonics' lessons, enjoying a wide range of games and practical activities to help with their learning. We will spend time recapping previous knowledge and then moving through the phases.</p> <p>At the start of the Autumn term, children were assessed and will be taking a <u>colour banded book</u> home to read. This reading assessment not only covered the children's ability to read words, but respond to punctuation, fluency of reading and comprehension skills.</p> <p>We will also be developing our writing skills by learning about the features of a variety of different text types including poetry, narratives and non-fiction books.</p>
Maths	<p>We will be working on the understanding of number. We will be counting forward and back, learning about place value, solving addition and subtraction calculations, learning our number bonds to 10 and focusing on number formation.</p>
Science	<p>We will be investigating seasonal change and animals.</p>
Art	<p>We will be developing ideas, mastering practical skills and taking inspiration from Monet's 'At the seaside'.</p>
DT	<p>We will be focusing on slider and lever mechanisms.</p>



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Computing	We will be investigating how to stay safe online, how to group and sort, how to use pictograms and how to be effective 'Lego Builders'.
Geography	We will be investigating the human and physical features of where we live in the UK by studying our local area of Stourbridge and Wordsley.
History	We will be learning about the Gunpowder plot and life of Christopher Columbus.
PE	We will be developing our gymnastics and team building skills.
PSHE	We will be focusing on the question 'What is the same and different about us?'.
RE	We will be learning about Christianity and Judaism and discussing 'What makes people special?'

Important Notes

- Please **label** all items of clothing, shoes and personal belongings that your child wears or brings to school. This will help us get it back to you if it is lost.
- Your child will need to bring a labelled water bottle in with them each day.
- Please no big bags (we just don't have the room!), just book bags and lunchboxes.
- At break time, children will have the option of fruit or can bring in a healthy snack from home (fruit or vegetables).
- PE will be on **Tuesday morning** and **Friday afternoon**. Please ensure that your child's kit is labelled and in a named bag. We would be grateful if earrings could be taken out and hair tied back. Children will get dressed for PE at school and can leave their PE kits at school.
- Reading books will be changed on a **Thursday**.

Please let us know if there will be a different adult collecting your child than normal at the end of the day. This will allow us to ensure a smooth home time routine.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Winwood & Mrs Law

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