

Year 1 Newsletter

Term 1

Key Dates for the Diary

Meet the Teacher	Thursday 13th September 15.30– 16.00
Celebration afternoon	Thursday 18th October 2.30pm

MEET THE TEACHER!

To enable parents to see their child's classroom and meet, as a group, with their child's teacher, we will be offering a 'Meet the Teacher' session. Parents are invited to come into the classrooms after school on Wednesday 13th September at 3.30pm.

Teachers will share information regarding PE days and homework and answer any questions!

CELEBRATION AFTERNOON

To support parents in celebrating their child's achievements, we will yet again be offering 'Celebration Open Afternoon'. Parents are invited to join us in our classrooms on Thursday 18th October at 2.30pm. We hope to see lots of parents at this event.

MEET THE TEAM!

Welcome back to term 1! We hope you had a great summer and are delighted to be back to school! The Academy has seen lots of changes over the summer and we are really excited to welcome the children back and immerse ourselves in our learning.

The Year 1 team this year are:



Miss Nijhuis
Swifts Teacher



Miss Evans
Skylarks Teacher



Mrs Wilson
Swifts TA



Mrs Millard
Skylarks TA

Reading

This year the children will all have lovely new reading records to record all the reading that they do at home. The books are designed for 'new readers', 'working towards independence readers' and independent readers. Inside each book there are helpful hints on how to complete the reading records and the best ways to support your children with word reading and comprehension. The most exciting bit is that there are opportunities for the children to contribute to the reading log and stickers in the middle for either them or you to use (only one sticker for every time they read though). We hope that this will be a great incentive for the children to read to you at home every day, along with the weekly treats that classes win through Buster's Book Club.

HOME LEARNING

The Baird Primary Academy expect every child to have the opportunity to read to an adult at home everyday. Each week your child will be given homework on a Friday. This will include spellings to practise and learn and a maths activity; it is expected that these will be returned by the following Wednesday.



'WILD WOOD'

Our topic this term is based around 'Woodland' and we will be looking at two main texts—'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson and 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. To help your child get the most out of the topic, you might want to do some of the following— go for a walk in the woods; collect some different leaves; bark rubbings; make a fact-file about a specific woodland creature; borrow a book from the library about 'woodland' and share it under a tree in the woods; have a scavenger hunt in the woods and see how many things you can collect in a yoghurt pot; collect 10 woodland objects and practise your number bonds; create a woodland in a shoe-box; take photos of fun in the woods and add captions; write a story set in the woods or just have fun in the autumn leaves!

PE DAYS / REMINDERS

This year Skylarks PE days will be on Tuesday and Friday. Swifts will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday. Children must have PE kit in school at all times and this should be black plimsolls or trainers, black shorts and a white t-shirt. All of these should be named.