



Year 1 Autumn 2024



Welcome back to a new school year at Berrywood. We hope you have had a lovely summer and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We are very much looking forward to a wonderful year with our new Year 1 children. We are excited to begin this term with lots of engaging and creative learning opportunities through play- based learning.

Library

Our library day is on **Friday**. Please make sure books are in your child's book bag so that they can choose a new one each week.

Project

Our first Year 1 project is 'Me, You and Us'. We will be learning all about our bodies, families, pets, homes and local environment. There will be lots of reading, writing and maths opportunities as well as opportunities for your child to explore, investigate, learn and be creative in our role play, small world, creative and construction areas.

PE

- Outdoor PE on **Monday**
- Indoor PE on **Wednesday**

The children will need their PE kit (shorts, t-shirt, trainers, jumper and trousers) in school by **Monday 9th September** in readiness for our first PE lesson.

Dates for the diary!

15.10.24 – Grange Park Walk
 18.10.24 – INSET Day
 23.10.24 – Individual School Photos
 28.10.24 – Half Term Week
 3.11.24 – Fireworks Night
 5.11.24 and 7.11.24- Parents Evening
 29.11.24 INSET day
 3.12.24 – Year 1 Celebration (9:15am – 10:15am)
 6.12.24 – Christmas Fayre (timings TBC)
Christmas Performance: w/c 16th Dec TBC
 20.12.24 – Optional Early Finish 1.15pm

Fruit Snack

The children will be given a piece of fruit or veg to eat each day at snack time. If you'd prefer, your child can bring in a piece of fruit from home.

Welly walks

We are looking forward to lots of fun welly walks in Year 1! It would be great if your child could bring in a pair of named wellies and leave them on the racks outside the classroom.

Water Bottles

Your child will need to bring in a named bottle with **water** in each day.

How can you contact your child's class teacher?

Communications can be made to your child's class teacher through Class Dojo. Your child will bring home an invite with a code that will enable you to join and connect to your child's new class teacher.

Class Dojo is a fantastic communication tool that is used for brief behaviour and curriculum communication between home and school. Class Dojo will be accessed by class teachers during school opening hours only. Please note Dojo is not to be used for prolonged communications, reporting absence or making complaints.

Photos can be shared on this platform. We often use these photos as a talking point for our class 'sharing time'. Please feel free to send us photos of your weekend adventures and home learning.

We will also be using Class Dojo in the classroom with the children as an individualised and whole class reward system.

How can you best support your child's learning?

The best way to support your child's learning at home is to read with them every day. We know that home life can be very busy and school can be very tiring for children in Year 1! However, the impact of reading, being read to and sharing stories every day is invaluable for your child's learning and development.

Each week, your child will bring home a reading book that follows the phonics sound that they are accessing in class. Your child should be able to read this book independently. Please record any reading at home in your child's reading record. The children will receive dojo points and stickers for every read they complete at home. If your child has read 4 times or more in one week, they will be entered in to our reading raffle. This will mean they are in with a chance to use our Berrywood Home Reading vending machine!

Your child will also bring home a new library book that they have chosen each week. They may need support at home with reading this. Please make sure both books are kept safely in your child's book bag when they are not being read at home.

We will be continuing to use Oxford Owl to support with the children's reading both in school and at home. You can access this using the same login that you received in Year R. If you are unsure on these details, please let your class teacher know.

What to do if you are concerned?

If you have any concerns, please raise these with your child's class teacher. If you feel that this does not resolve things, you can then make contact with Mrs Thompson (Year Team Leader) to arrange a meeting. If you have further concerns, then please contact the office to arrange a meeting with a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

Parent helpers!

We are always extremely grateful for offers of parent help. If you would like to support in school this term, please can you send a Dojo message to your child's class teacher with the day and time that is best for you.