

# Bowlee Park Community School

## Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2026



This is the autumn term curriculum newsletter for Year 1. It sets out what your child will learn over the term. We hope you find it useful.

### Mathematics

This half term, we will be learning about numbers to 10, with a particular focus on understanding place value. The children will practise counting forwards from 0 to 10 and backwards from 10 to 0. They will also develop confidence in reading and writing numbers to 10 in both numerals and words.

We will be identifying and representing numbers using a range of practical and pictorial resources, including objects, number lines, ten frames and part-whole models. Alongside this, we will continue to build fluency with our number bonds to 10.

Later in the half term, we will move on to addition and subtraction within 10. The children will explore finding one more and one less than a given number, as well as recalling and applying addition and subtraction facts to 10.

#### How you can help at home

Please continue to practise number facts to 10 with your child at home. Regular practice will help to build their confidence and fluency. Don't forget – there are badges to achieve as they progress!

### English

In **Reading**, our focus is on learning our set 1 and 2 sounds and blending words correctly. We will be focusing on learning to read with fluency and expression. This term in **Writing**, our focus will be on narrative texts. During Autumn 1, we will be reading the high-quality text *Old Bear* and using it to retell the story before writing our own letters inspired by the book. In Autumn 2, we will explore the traditional tale *Rapunzel*. The children will begin by retelling the story and will then use their learning to write a set of instructions explaining how to catch a witch! Throughout both units, we will continue to develop our core writing skills, with a particular focus on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly. We will also place a strong emphasis on handwriting, ensuring children hold their pencils correctly and form their letters clearly, accurately and with increasing confidence. In **Spelling**, we will be ensuring that we can spell our Reception common exception words accurately, rather than phonetically and will be starting to spell words using our set 2 sounds (ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, ar, or, air, ir, ou, oy).

### History

In Autumn 2, our History topic is '**How am I Making History?**' Children will order photographs on a simple timeline using the words '**before**' and '**after**'. They will also compare childhood today with the past by identifying one similarity and one difference.

### Geography

This half term, our topic is '**What is it like here?**' In this topic, children will identify key features on an aerial photograph of the school and learn the name of the town or city and country where they live. They will also create a simple map of the classroom, using objects to show the position, distance and direction of features.

### Maths Certificates

This year, children will focus on writing number bonds accurately. As their fluency develops, they can earn:

- **Yellow Certificate:**  
Number bonds within 5
- **Green Certificate:**  
Number bonds within 10

Certificates can be exchanged for badges at the school office.

## Computing

This half term, we will learn how to log on to the computer independently, how to use the mouse and how to open programmes. We will then move on to **Algorithms**, where the children will explore **block coding** and learn how to create simple instructions and sequences.

## P.E.

**Autumn 1** – Ball Games & Multi-Skills  
Children will develop ball skills, teamwork, coordination, and confidence through a range of fun activities.

**Autumn 2** – Dance & Gymnastics  
Children will develop agility, balance, and movement skills through dance, gymnastics, and multi-skills activities.

## Science

In Science, we will begin our learning with the topic '**Sensitive Bodies**'. The children will explore the different parts of the human body, learning the correct names for body parts and discovering more about our five senses: sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell.

After the half term break, we will begin our new topic, '**Seasons**'. We will explore the four seasons and learn how they change throughout the year. Our first focus will be **Autumn**, where we will investigate how this season affects humans, animals, daylight hours and the weather. This topic will be revisited throughout the year as we observe and discuss seasonal changes.

## Music

This half term, we will be concentrating on singing. We will work on warming our voice up correctly and trying to internalise the pulse using body percussion.

## R.E.

This half term, the children will be learning about Jewish worldviews and ways of life. They will learn about texts from the Torah and their importance for Jewish people today. Later in the unit, pupils will find out about Shabbat and Chanukah, discussing why Jewish people mark these times.

## Passports

Your child's Pupil Passport will be sent home soon. Please start to complete the activities with your child. Send pictures into school to share with the rest of the class.

## Homework

### Maths and English

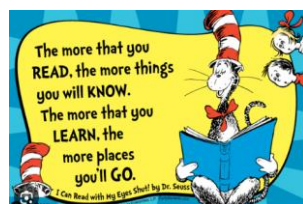
Day set: Friday  
Day due: Wednesday

### Spelling

Day set: Friday  
Spelling test: The following Friday

## Reading

Please hear your child read aloud regularly and encourage them to read for at least 10 minutes per night.



## P.E.

- 1.1** Monday and Tuesday
- 1.2** Wednesday and Thursday
- 1.3** Wednesday and Thursday
- 1.4** Tuesday and Thursday

Please note that school PE kit must be worn.

## Online Learning

**Numbots** (an online number facts programme)  
**MyMaths** (online homework linked to maths topics taught that week)

Username and passwords are in your child's reading record