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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1 and our first curriculum newsletter of the year!

Our topic for this half term is, **“This is me!”**

As **Geographers** we will be learning about what it is like here in our city of Bradford. We will explore:

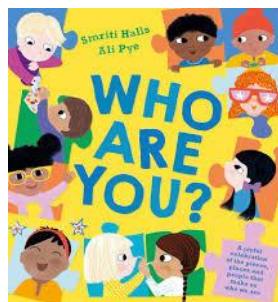
- The city of Bradford, its landmarks and significant places/people.
- The differences between urban (city) and rural (countryside) in Bradford.
- What it is like in our local area; what kind of houses and amenities we have in different areas.
- What it is like in our school and the surrounding area.
- Where we are in the world.



Our **trip** this half term will consist of a minibus tour around the city of Bradford to see the landmarks and important places such as the hospital, fire station and the police station. We will then head to Shipley Glen to show the children the contrast between inner city Bradford and a more rural area. The children will be able to explore parts of Shipley Glen before having a picnic! Look out for a letter in the next couple of weeks.

In **English**, children will create an exciting fact file and picture book all about themselves to show to a new member of our class. They will focus on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops whilst also working on their handwriting.

As well as this, we will be reading a book called “Don’t forget to write!” The little girl in the story, Rosie, writes letters to her parents during her trip to the countryside with her grandparents and expresses how she is feeling. The children will have the opportunity to be just like the character after our trip to Shipley Glen and will be writing their own letters to you, their **parents!** How exciting!



These are our class books for the Autumn 1 term.

- At home, have a look at a letter through the post. What does it look like? Could you write a letter to your teacher?

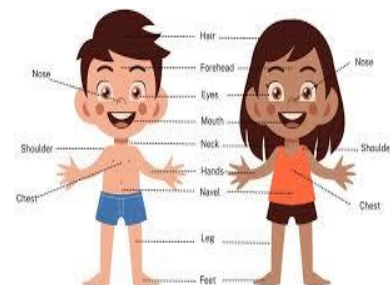
In **Maths**, we will be consolidating our learning from reception, focusing on our knowledge of place value to 10. We will then move on to measure and be looking at height. It will be amazing to see how much we grow throughout year 1 and compare it!

- At home, when you are outside, collect things and count them as you go. Can you count as you walk up the stairs? Can you recognise door numbers as you walk?

- Ask children to tidy their things away and be specific with numbers. (Can you pick up 5 toys please? Could you pass me 2 apples please?)

As **Scientists**, we will be looking at animals including humans. This half term we will focus on humans. We will look at body parts and our different senses. We will be working scientifically to compare and group body parts, begin to recognise patterns in data and use these to answer questions, record data in a table and measure using non-standard units.

- Practise singing “Heads, shoulders, knees and toes” at home with your family.
- Try a new piece of food! Can you use your senses to describe it? What does it look, smell and taste like? What sound does it make when you eat it? What does it feel like when you touch it?



Let's get creative!

In **DT**, we will be learning how to make our own puppets. In the unit, we will look at how to join fabrics and how to design/embellish our puppets. We will use a variety of techniques to enable us to do this such as cutting, gluing, stapling and pinning. Then, we will use our puppets to create our own puppet show for an audience!

Family Challenge!

Take a trip to your local park! Could you take a picnic? As you walk, talk about things you can see on the way (bus stop, shop, roundabout, doctors). Can you make a map of your journey and what you saw? Could you collect items from the park and make/label a skeleton?

Take part in senses walk at the park. Think about what you can, see, hear, smell, feel and taste! You could even finish the walk with your picnic and discuss the different tastes/flavours!

Home learning expectations

Activity/Task	Frequency
Reading their book band book (Little Wandle)	X3 a week Please also make sure that you are trying your best to read together each night. Children will visit the library weekly and choose a book for you to read and share with them.
Hit the button/numbots	Daily - for 5 minutes -Practising number bonds to 10 and 20
Handwriting	Daily- for 5 minutes. Children should practise the sounds/ letter formations they have learnt that week.

As always, if you have any questions then please speak to member of the Year 1 team.

Thank you,
The Year 1 team