

Y1 Classroom News

Avondale Primary School

Autumn 2

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a brilliant half term break. A huge thank you to all of the grown-ups who we spoke to at parents' evening. It was lovely to hear so many positive comments. We hope that you enjoyed listening to how your child has settled in to Year 1. We are all very impressed with how independent they are becoming. Your support certainly makes a difference.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled half term. It is always a busy one on the run up to Christmas!

Dates for your Diary

11th November - Remembrance Day
27th November - Christmas Craft Day
w/b 23rd November - Assessment Week
3rd December - Christmas Panto-Robin Hood
4th December - Christmas Fair Donation Day (non-uniform)
5th December - Christmas Fair
14th December - Autumn Term Reports
14th December - Christmas Plays: EYFS (14:15) & Y1/2 (18:00)
15th December - Christmas Plays: Y4/5 (14:15) & EYFS (18:00)
16th December - Christmas Plays: Y1/2 (14:15) & Y4/5 (18:00)
17th December - Y3 Carols Around the Christmas Tree (14:15)
17th December - Christmas Jumper Day
18th December - School closes at 13:30
4th January - School reopens Spring Term

Friendly Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has their reading book in school <u>at all times.</u> This is really important for your child's learning and development.
- Homework – reading is the main priority for homework. Please read at least 5 times a week. We really appreciate your support with this as it makes a huge difference.
- P.E days for this half term are Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit with earrings removed or covered securely.
- Keep an eye out on our school website and Facebook for updates of life at Avondale school.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

English



In English, we will be looking at winter poems and stories from other cultures. We are continuing to use Colourful Semantics to help us with our sentence structure. Ask your child about the 'who' or 'what doing' part of a sentence!

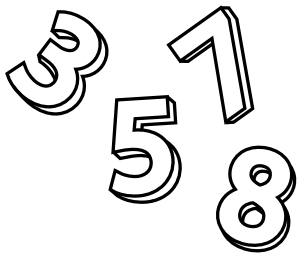
Phonics

This half term we are starting Phase 5 where the children will be learning alternative graphemes for phonemes already learnt.

Reading

This half term, we will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts that link with our topic learning. We will also be looking at a range of different books in our guided reading sessions. It is important that all children bring their reading book in to school on a daily basis. The children will get the opportunity to change their library books weekly.

Maths



In Maths, we will be developing our knowledge of addition and subtraction. We will also be learning our 10 times tables and continue learning number bonds to 10.

Foundation Subjects

This half term, our topic title is Winter Wonderland.
In Science, we are going to be looking at seasonal changes. In History, we are going to be exploring old and new toys. In DT, we are going to be designing and making a chair for our class elf to sit on. In P.E, our units are sending and retrieving and dance. In music we will be learning and performing rap music.
In R.E, we will be looking at the Christmas Story and our PSHE topic is 'Celebrating Differences'.