



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

28.11.25 - Whole School Christmas Craft Day

03.12.25 - Whole school Christmas Theatre Production - Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk AM

15.12.25 - Autumn Term Report cards sent home

15.12.25 - Year 1 / 2 Evening Christmas Performance (6:00pm)

17.12.25 - Year 1 / 2 Afternoon Christmas Performance (2:15pm)

18.12.25 - Christmas Jumper Day

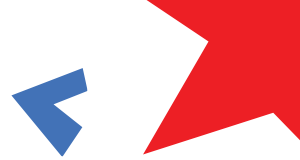
18.12.25 - Christmas Lunch Day

19.12.25 - School Closes for Christmas (1:30pm)

Friendly Reminders

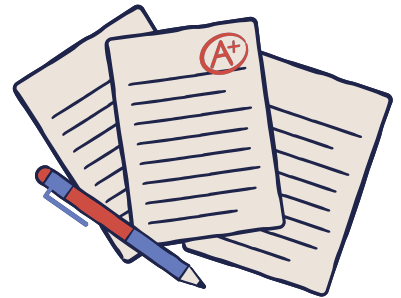
- Please ensure that your child has their reading book in school at all times. This is really important for your child's learning and development.
- Homework - reading is the main priority for homework. Please read at least 5 times a week. We really appreciate your support with this as it makes a huge difference.
- P.E days for this half term are Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at ALL times. Earrings need to be taken out 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

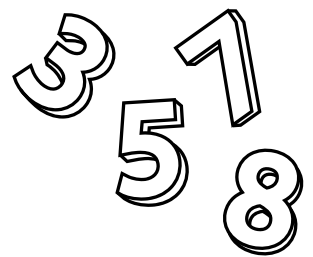
This half term we are starting Phase 5 where the children will be learning alternative graphemes for phonemes already learnt.

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'.