



Primary 1a Newsletter

Term 2 2025



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to term 2, We would like to wish our families celebrating Diwali a very happy Diwali and hope you have all had a lovely October week break. This term is wonderfully busy with lots of learning focusing on special celebrations. Please find below an overview of the intended learning for this term. For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code above.

<https://padlet.com/BalgreenP/balgreen-primary-2025-26-fgd6lut82eah0qdy>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. With kind regards, Katie Budge.

Literacy and English

This term, we are looking forward to enjoying together 'Percy Park Keeper'. We hope that through sharing these stories we will promote a love and enjoyment of reading, and develop listening and talking skills through our class discussions. Children will continue to develop their reading knowledge and skills through their group weekly reading book.

Please could all reading records and reading books be kept in each child's plastic reading folder. Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school **daily** and that it remains in their school bag throughout the week. Reading books will be changed on a Thursday.

We will continue to learn to recognise, write and name our initial sounds. Emphasis will be placed on blending 3 lettered words to develop decoding skills.

Admin

Our timetabled P.E. session is on a **Monday and Wednesday**. P.E. sessions will be led by our P.E. specialist Mr Murray. Please come to school wearing appropriate P.E. kit.

Throughout the week there will be opportunities for additional P.E. focusing on social dancing, listening and working together as part of team in preparation for our end of term party. School uniform is fine for this type of activity.

Outdoor learning sessions will continue to be on a Monday. We will be participating in outdoor learning in all weathers. Please could children wear appropriate clothing and importantly bring a pair of wellies **to change into** for our outdoor learning sessions as this term it is especially muddy! This term, we will continue our RSPB 'Bronze Wild Challenge' focusing on seasonal woodland changes, nocturnal animals, migration and the woodland habitat.

Numeracy and Mathematics

We will be learning to add two numbers together within 10 and develop our knowledge of numbers to 20. Emphasis this term will be placed on correctly forming our numbers when writing.

This term, we will be learning about time. At home, please use every opportunity to reinforce the days of the week and months of the year as this can be tricky learning for the children. Through play, we will firstly use non-standard units of measurement to develop a sense of time before introducing the analogue and digital clock. Please note that we will introduce only o'clock times.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Science

Our focus this term is Day and Night, Weather, Seasons and Woodland Animals which we will explore through Percy Park Keeper stories.

RME

This session the children will be learning all about Diwali and Christmas. The children will have the opportunity to learn about these special celebrations through stories, song, dance, craft and investigation.

Health and Wellbeing

With the dark mornings and afternoons upon us, we will be learning about ways to keep ourselves safe when crossing the road. We will explore and meet some people who help to keep us safe and how we can keep ourselves safe through being bright by wearing fluorescent and reflective items of clothing. In class, we will also learn about firework safety.

Diary Dates

P1 -P3 Road Safety Magic Show	Monday 3rd November
Children in Need Day	Friday 14th November
P2 Open Classroom Read Write Count	Tuesday 25th November
Christmas Concert	Monday 15 th December (Afternoon) Tuesday 16 th December (Morning and Afternoon Shows)
Christmas Party	Thursday 18 th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th December