Bickleigh Down Church of England Primary School

'Spurring each other on with love'

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Monday 8th September 2025

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a restful weekend. We have been so impressed at how well the children have settled in and taken to their new routines, with increased independence.

In **English** this week we will be:

Looking at 'That's Not My .....' books and discussing the different adjectives. If you have any of these books at home, please read them with your child.

We will be beginning our daily phonics sessions and regular handwriting practice. We are using the pre-cursive style of writing where we push up from the line, form each letter and finish by adding a hook. A sheet showing the cursive alphabet will be sent home to you.

In **Maths** this week we will be:

- Counting forwards and backwards.
- Reading/writing and ordering numbers to 20.
- Matching numbers with amounts of objects

Our aim is to build up a thorough picture of the children's strengths and weaknesses so that we can plan our teaching accordingly.

In our **topic work** we will be:

- Thinking about what Geography means and looking at photos from around the world. (Geography)
- Labelling the main external parts of the body. (Science)
- Discussing likes and dislikes. (PSHE)
- Exploring different pencil techniques. (Art)
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays** : Gymnastics and Games in PE. Please ensure kits are in school and earrings are removed to ensure your child can take part.

SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM 2023/24 - 2024/25

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Reading books:

- Children will get a new reading book and library book each Monday. Please make sure your child brings in their books on a Monday so that they can be changed.
- Along with their decodable book that matches your child's phonics learning, we will be sending home a library book every Monday. This book should be read **to** your child not **by** your child. We send a book home for this purpose because the more words children hear and understand, the better progress they will make across the curriculum. Children will not gain the breadth of vocabulary from their matched phonics books and therefore it is vitally important that they hear and talk about other books too. It also allows them to hear a reader's expression and discuss a variety of topics.

Meet the Teacher

If you were unable to attend meet the teacher on Monday 8th, a Year One handout of resources is available. Please ask your child's class teacher.

As always, if you have any questions or messages, please write us a note in the diary or telephone the office if needed.

Thank you for your support.
The Year One Team.