

# Year 1/2 Newsletter - Autumn



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed the start of the term with your children and are really pleased with how everyone is settling in to their new class.

We thought this would be a good time to share a little more information about the Year 1&2 Team and also introduce a new teacher to the phase, Miss Trotter. Miss Trotter has been a teacher for over six years based in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and joined Braeburn earlier this year to teach Y1.

<b>Team Name</b>	Hedgehogs (Y2)	Deer (Y2)	Seals (Y1)	Starfish (Y1)
<b>Teacher</b>	Mrs Dalton (Phase Leader)	Mrs Beckitt	Mrs Smyth	Miss Trotter
<b>Assistant Teachers</b>	Mrs Coates, Mrs Chapman, Mr Manson and Mrs Anderson.			

Every Friday the teachers have time for PPA (planning, preparation and assessment). During this time, the children will be having a HUB lesson with Mrs Ingle; a computing lesson with Mr Jordan; a music lesson with Mr Wharfedale and a PE lesson with Mr Armstrong.

## The curriculum

This term our learning will be based around a wonderful story called 'A River'. So begins an imaginary journey from the city to the sea. From factories to farmlands, freeways to forest, each new landscape is explored through stunning illustrations and poetic text from the award-winning picture-book creator Marc Martin. Through this story the children will learn all about different animals and their habitats in science. We will be exploring the world's continents and oceans as well as making links to local Geography. Children will also get the chance to be inspired through a range of art activities based around the amazing illustrations in the book.



In maths, Year 1 will be focusing their learning around the Numberblocks program which captures children's imagination around Number, leading to them wanting to investigate, problem solve and find out more. In Y2 we will be covering Number, Place Value and the Four Operations giving the children firm foundations of basic skills and instant recall facts. Additionally in Y2 we will be doing a weekly "Braeburn Beat That!" as we build children's confidence with mental methods. We are focusing on well-being this term and making sure our children are ready to learn. We have daily check-ins, ensuring we have time to talk, weekly WEB theme lessons and are learning about the importance of being active. As part of this, we will be taking part in active maths and phonics sessions with Mr Armstrong, we will run our golden mile and be mindful with Go Noodle.

## Homework

We would like to see children reading at home as often as possible. When a child reads at home and records it in their reading record, we reward them with a dojo. Children in Y2 will also receive weekly spelling homework, which we encourage you to explore with your children ready to complete the test on a Friday. After October half term children in Y2 will be given a login for TimesTable Rockstars and NumBots where they will be able to practise Maths skills at home. Alongside this we will also be giving the children a login for spelling shed where they will be able to practise more spellings through



games and quizzes. After October half term Y1s will also be given a login for NumBot and weekly spellings will be introduced later in the year.

### Attendance and Punctuality

In order for all children to achieve their full potential they must be in school every day, on time and ready to learn. We will set the children morning tasks which are an important start to the children's day. This work usually helps to consolidate any skills/knowledge previously learnt whilst also helping children prepare for the day ahead. Our gates open for Y1/2 children from 8:40am and close at 9:10am to allow a staggered entry into school.

### P.E.

Year 1/2 have P.E. lessons on Fridays. Please check that your child has a full P.E kit including socks, a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or plimsolls; everything should have their name on. If your child wears earrings, it is school policy that these are removed for P.E. lessons. Please either teach them to do this themselves or remove them before they come to school that day, as we are not allowed to do it for them. Please also make sure that your child brings a bobble on PE days if they have long hair. Due to the current situation the swimming pool on site will remain closed for the time being.

Keep up to date with things going on around the school by accessing the schools twitter page :

@BraeburnPrimary



### Lost Property

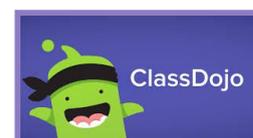
We would like to reduce the amount of lost property we accumulate in school. To help us reunite children with lost clothes it is essential they have names on all items of clothing. Please help us by labelling all of your child's property, including P.E. bags, kits and pack up boxes.

### Lunchtime

Children in Y1/2 all have access to universal free school meals, so dinner money is not required. If you send your child with a packed lunch please remember **we are a nut free school**, this includes coconut, please check the ingredients. Children are currently eating their dinner in classrooms to ensure bubbles are not mixing. They then have access to lunch clubs and games outside on the playground within their year group areas.

### Behaviour

Thank you for your continued support with our behaviour policy. We will continue to reward the children using dojos; please let us know if you are not receiving dojo alerts and would like more information about how to sign up to receive these. We also use a traffic light system in the classroom, children are rewarded for WOW moments and we would like to work together to ensure the children don't stray into WOBBLY or UNACCEPTABLE. Should your child find themselves on unacceptable, you will be contacted by a member of staff.



We hope you find the information in this letter helpful and please do let us know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Dalton & The Y1/2 Team

