

Year 1

Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome back to a new year and another term of learning.

Firstly a huge 'thank you' to all of our families for supporting our children and the school through the autumn term. We hope we can continue to work together to ensure that our children remain at the centre of what we do.

Back in September 2020 we launched our new Ben Jonson curriculum and we are very pleased with the way in which this is working. Our new 'learning journey' approach has meant more meaningful and engaging learning whilst meeting the needs of The new National Curriculum.

The curriculum section of our website (<https://www.benjonson.towerhamlets.sch.uk/curriculum>) has recently been updated and we encourage you to look at it to get a greater sense of the learning taking place in school. We also aim to regularly Tweet updates of classroom learning (our Twitter handle [@BenJonsonSchool](https://twitter.com/BenJonsonSchool)) which you can also access from our website year group pages.

The totality of the experience for our children is at the heart of our redesigned curriculum and we hope you are able to interact with the learning and can see how it is helping to make learning here more memorable so that our children grow up to be *brave, kind* and *curious*.

Finally, please refer to the rest of this newsletter where you will find key information relating to your child's year group and their learning journey for the spring term.

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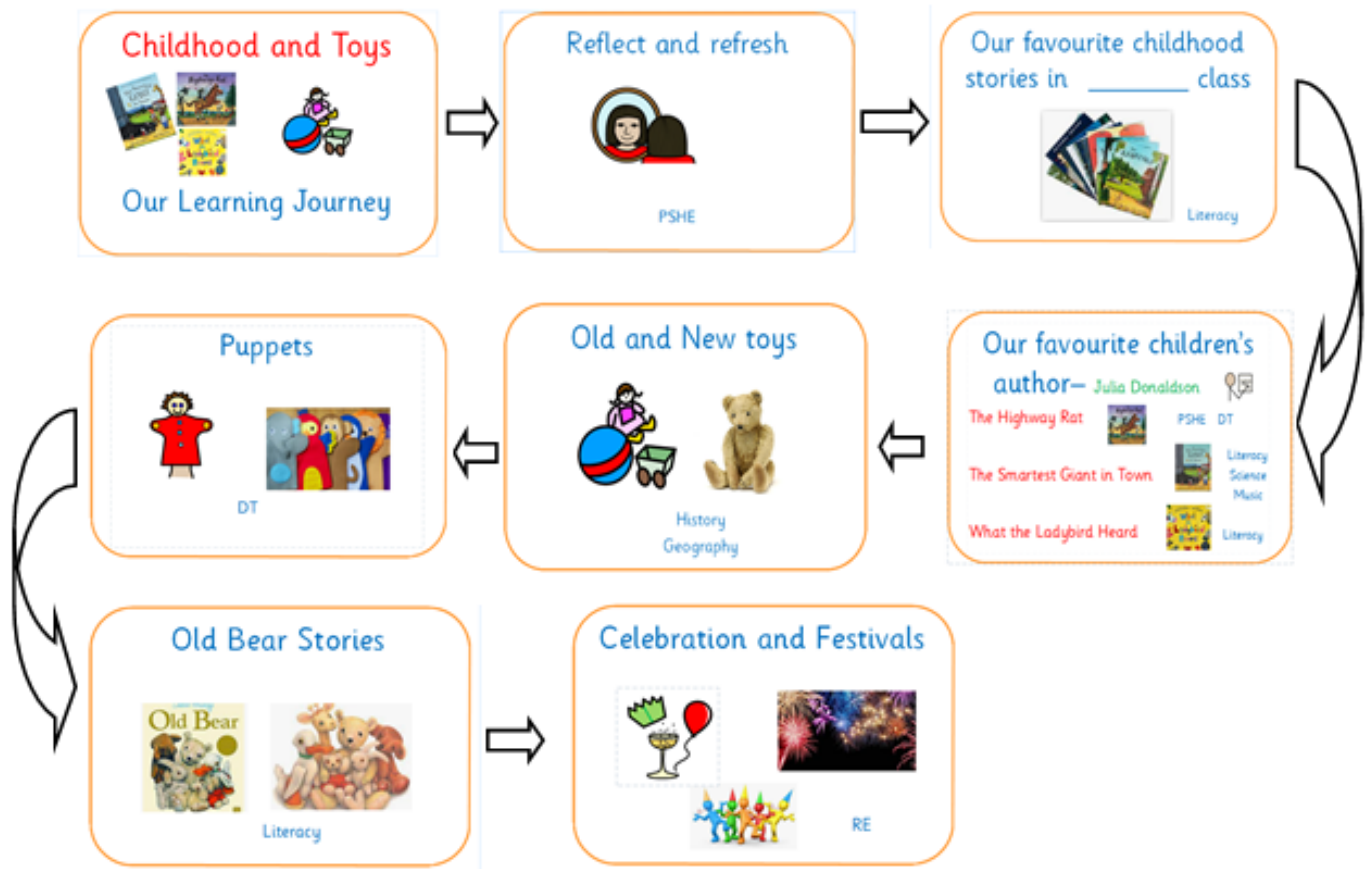
Key information about Year 1

- Children's home reading books will get changed at least once a week. Please make sure you read at home with your child everyday and sign their reading record book. This can include practising high frequency words, as well as listening to your child read a levelled book (provided by their teacher) and asking them some questions about what they have read.
- Your child will need to bring their PE kit on the day that their class does PE. You can check which day this is on the Ben Jonson website, as this varies according to which class they are in. Your child's PE day may be different from last term, this so children get a chance to be taught by our specialist dance teacher, Leire. PE kit must consist of black bottoms, black trainers and a white t-shirt. As the weather remains cold, children can also wear their school jumper on top of their PE kit.
- Please continue to help your children become confident with using Google Classroom. Homework will continue to be set once a week on Google Classroom. Children will need to log in to Google Classroom to complete their homework. A guide supporting parents and children with how to use Google Classroom is available on the school website. Our aim is to get children and parents consistently using Google Classroom as this is how we are setting homework as part of our new curriculum offer, as well as supporting the children with their learning at home in the event of having to isolate.



Year 1's topic for the Spring term is **Childhood and Toys**.

Our learning journey:



Our topic map

