

Year 1

Curriculum Newsletter



September 2021, Development of Ben Jonson's New Curriculum

Welcome back to a new year at Ben Jonson. It has been wonderful welcoming all children into school and in their new classes. We spent the first few days 'establishing' expectations, routines and the relationships that we know will support learning in the coming year. Now all children have begun learning about their autumn topics which this newsletter explains in further detail.

You may recall that we launched our new Ben Jonson curriculum last year, so this year sees us develop this further.

The Ben Jonson Curriculum uses the National Curriculum (2014) as the basis whilst also considering what is best for our children.

Our curriculum:

- Develops the key skills, knowledge and understanding they will need to succeed.
- Helps children prepare for secondary school and later life.
- Enables our learners to understand how they can explore the wider world and contribute to society as adults.
- Uses a 'learning journey' which groups subjects together in a more meaningful and engaging manner.
- Considers the diversity of our community of learners, their interests and aspirations.
- Puts the totality of the experience at the heart to make the learning memorable.
- Makes connections across subjects with reading playing a central cross curricular role.
- Is strengthened by the expertise and guidance of our specialist teachers in music, art, DT, dance and computing.

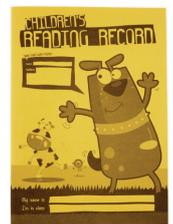
We are really excited to develop our new curriculum this year and look forward to seeing it in action and being driven by the values of being *brave*, *kind* and *curious*, ensuring all our children realise their potential.

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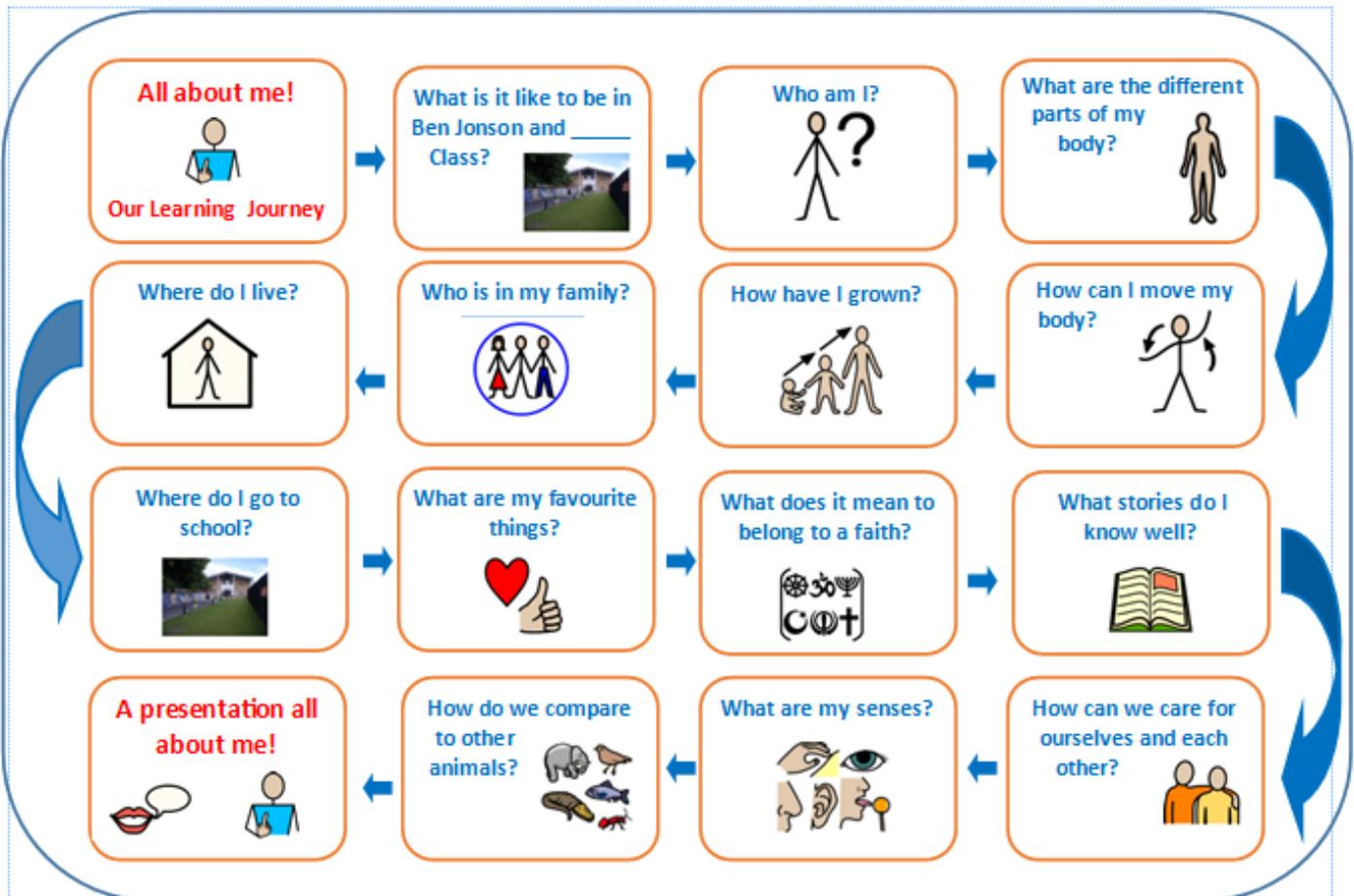
Key information about Year 1:

- 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 a few questions about what they have read.
- Your child will need to bring their PE kit with them 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 and may change over the course of the year as the children each get a chance to be taught by our specialist dance teacher, Leire. Your child should wear black jogging bottoms, black trainers and a white t-shirt on their PE day. During colder weather, they can also wear a jumper.
- Homework will be set once a week on Google Classroom. Children will need to log in to Google Classroom to complete their homework. Our aim is to get children and parents familiar with using Google Classroom as this is how we will be setting homework as part of our new curriculum offer, as well as supporting the children with their learning at home in the event of a possible school closure.



Year 1's topic for the Autumn term is **All about me**

Our learning journey:



Our topic map:

