



# Barlby Primary School News #3 19.10.23

Welcome to our 3rd edition of Barlby Primary School News

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Welcome to our newsletter: A note from the Headteacher



Mr Anthony Mannix-Power  
Headteacher

Welcome to Newsletter No 3. Time is flying and we are now seven weeks into the school year! The children have settled into their routines and the curriculum is embedding across the school. The last few weeks have seen several enrichment opportunities, some off site and others based in school and we hope you have enjoyed seeing the photos on our school social media platforms. Thank you for attending the curriculum open mornings we have facilitated this half term- we plan to repeat the Mathematics and Early Reading workshops as they were very well received. Our Stay & Read and learning zone open mornings have also been well attended- we are very happy to be working in close partnership with you. We will focus on a different curriculum area and year group in each newsletter and in this edition we are sharing the English curriculum and a snapshot of Year 1.

Next half term, the calendar is full of exciting enrichment activities and community events so please make a note of the key dates in your diary. The first whole school event in November is our parent-

teacher evening which will be held on Monday 6th November and our goal is to meet with every family in the school. In the meantime, enjoy the half term holiday and we will see you on Monday 30th October.

With best wishes,

Mr Anthony Mannix - Power

Dates for your diary:



**Monday 30th October:** The children return from half term

**Wednesday 1st November:** Year 2 visit The Tower of London

**Wednesday 1st November:** A special visitor is delivering a skipping assembly to the children

**Thursday 2nd November:** Stay and Read for children in Years 1,2 and 3

**Friday 3rd November:** Dalgarno class assembly (9am)

**Monday 6th November:** Parents evening (3:30pm - 6:30pm) Please sign up with your class teacher!

**Wednesday 8th November:** Year 4 visiting the Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre

**Thursday 9th November:** Stay and Read for children in Years 4,5 and 6

**Friday 10th November:** Burleigh class assembly (9am)

**Wednesday 15th November:** Photographer in to take individual photos of the children

**Wednesday 15th November:** Year 5 performing Hamlet and Macbeth at The Questors Theatre from 7:30pm

**Thursday 16th November:** Stay and Read for Years 1,2 and 3

**Thursday 16th November:** Barlby Choir are singing at Portobello Christmas Market

***Other dates to make a note of:***

**Thursday 30th November:** Christmas jumper workshop (3:30pm)

**Wednesday 6th December:** Christmas Production (Years 1 - 6) at 1:30pm

**Thursday 7th December:** Christmas Production repeated (Years 1 - 6) at 1:30pm

**Friday 15th December:** EYFS Christmas production at 10:00am

**Wednesday 20th December:** Children's Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 21st December:** Term ends at 1:00pm (gates open at 12:30pm)

## Attendance and Punctuality



Please see below attendance percentages for each year group for the first half term of the academic year. We continue to aim for a whole school attendance of 96% and expect the same from each individual pupil.

If your child is unwell, please make sure you inform the school office by 8:00am each morning.

Reception data may appear lower than other years groups but this is due to the staggered start dates of some of their pupils.

The table below puts absence in the context the number of days children miss at school based on a school being opened for 190 days per year.	
Attendance during one school year	Number of days absent per year
95%	9.5 days
90%	19 days
85%	28.5 days
80%	38 days
75%	47.5 days
70%	57 days
65%	66.5 days



Attendance Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
Whole school attendance for the autumn 1 half term – 93%	
Nursery	94%
Reception	89%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	94%

## PE kits



At Barlby we know the importance of keeping active and ensuring the children are taught their entitlement of 2 hours of PE every week.

This includes one 'Indoor PE' session which is either dance, gymnastics, yoga or fitness games and an 'Outdoor PE' session which covers football, hockey, athletics and other team games.

As part of the PE lesson, the children should be changing into a clean PE kit every lesson.

This should include the following:

- A blue t-shirt (this can have the Barlby logo but this is not compulsory)
- Black or navy blue shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers or plimsolls

***We encourage parents/carers to send their child in with a PE kit on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. Although the children have set PE days, this can change last minute due to school logistics.***

If you have any questions in relation to this please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Half Term Home learning



This half term your child will bring home a range of tasks they can complete during the break.

Maths and English/topic tasks will be sent home as usual in their home learning books. These tasks will reflect the learning they have completed this week or will introduce them to their new topic they will explore next half term. More information on your child's new topic is further down in this newsletter.

### **Black History Season: Saluting our sisters**

#### **Key Stage One:**

As part of our celebration of Black History Season at Barlby, we would like you to create a portrait about an inspirational black woman. You can choose someone you know, or someone famous who you think has made a big impact on society. Be as creative as you can! If you would like your portrait to be entered into the school competition, please give a copy to Miss Cox before 30th October.

#### **Key Stage Two:**

As part of our celebration of Black History Season at Barlby, we would like you to create a poem about a pioneering black woman. You can choose someone you know, or someone famous who you think has made a big impact on society. You can write any form of poem you choose – be as creative as you can! If you would like your poem to be entered into both the school and National competitions, please give a copy to Miss Cox before 30th October.

### **Barlby's School Council**

Mr Alleyne-Weir is setting up a school council with 2 children from each year group from EYFS to Year 6 to further enhance pupil voice across the school. As part of this the children have been set a task to show their interest in being in the school council. They have been asked to write a manifesto. Please see the details below:



## Barlby Election Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a school councillor?

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Why should people vote for you?

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What do you promise to do if you are elected?

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## Barlby Election Speech

If you are interested in becoming a Barlby School Councillor, you will need to write an election speech. You can include;

- Why would you like to become a School Councillor?
- What would you like to improve in Barlby Primary School?
  - If you could plan an event, what would it be?

Please return your speech to school by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Elections will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

A special visitor



On Friday 6th October we welcomed a film crew to Barlby. They were filming 'One Big Thank You' for the BBC One Show celebrating the inspirational work of Liberty Venn from The Children's Book Project. The event was a huge surprise for Liberty and Matt Lucas came along to host the event. We were very proud of all the children who attended and especially the Year 6 children who helped Matt with the surprise assembly.













Polite person of the week!



As one of our Barlby values is 'respect' we have introduced a new weekly award: Polite person of the week. Please see below who has been chosen this half term.





*1 - Miguel always greets the adults in the morning with 'good morning' and a huge smile on his face. Miguel always uses his manners in the lunch hall.*



*2 - Aisha models impeccable manners throughout the school day. She holds the doors open for her peers and the adults around school. She also asks how the kitchen staff are when she collects her lunch everyday.*

## Autumn 2 Class Assemblies

Please see below the class assemblies that will take place in Autumn 2. Don't worry if your child does not have one in Autumn 2 - they will have a class assembly in the Spring term.

### Class Assemblies – Autumn 2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Dalgarno 4
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Burleigh 2
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	No class assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Bruce 1
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Lancaster 3
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	No class assembly (Christmas production)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	No class assembly (Christmas production)

## Stay and Read/Open Mornings



We love inviting parents and carers on a Thursday morning to read with their children. The dates of the next sessions are in the section 'Dates for your diary.' Please come along to the next session - we would love to see you.

We also enjoyed the open mornings for Learning Zone 1 and 2 this week, where the children shared their fabulous learning!











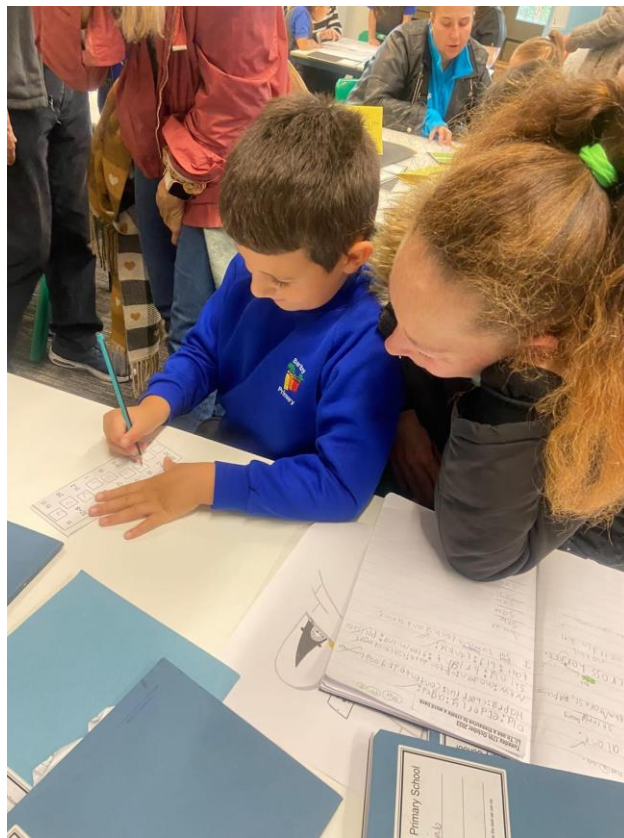














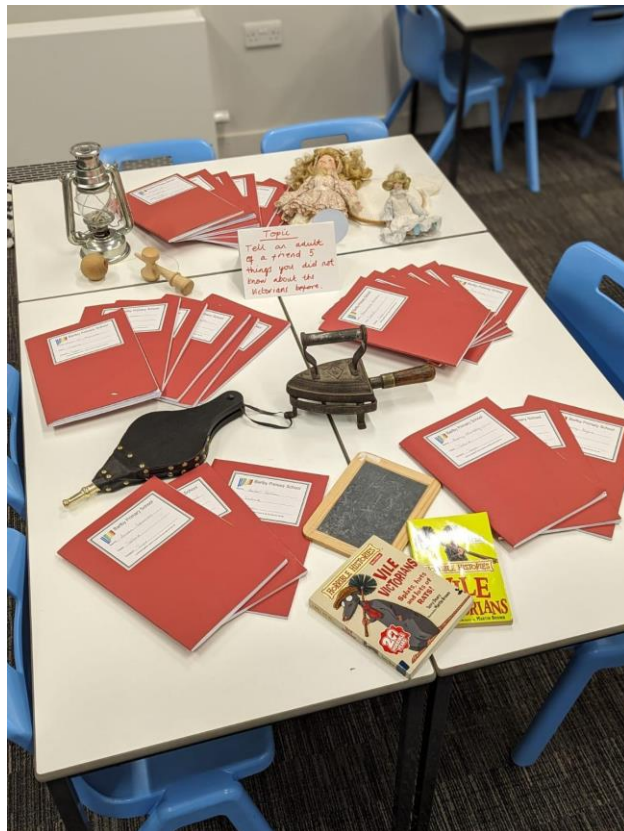










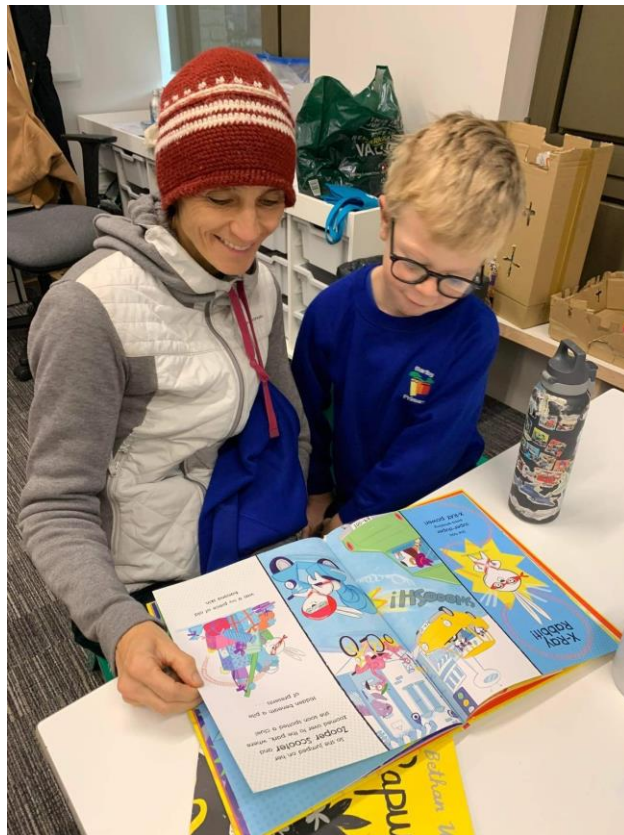
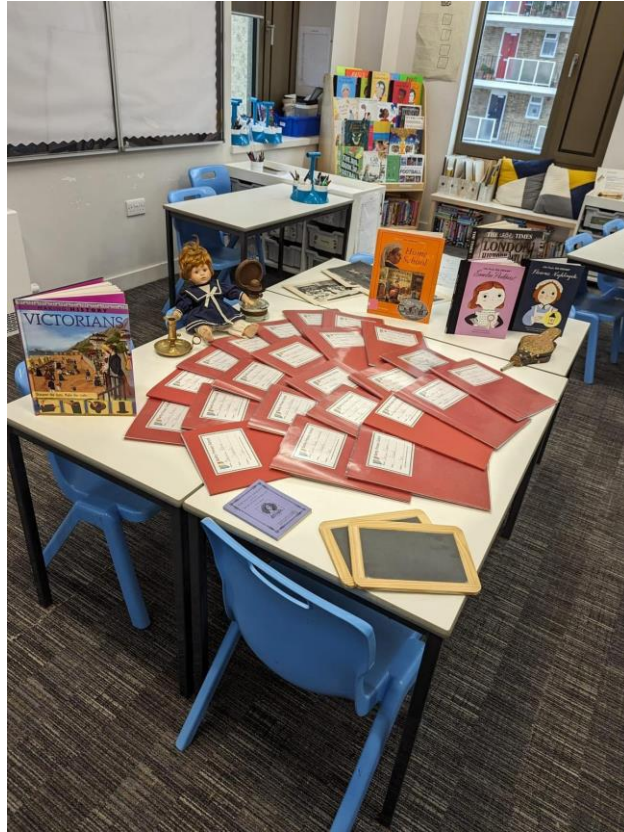




**See you later in  
Learning Zone 1. 😊**

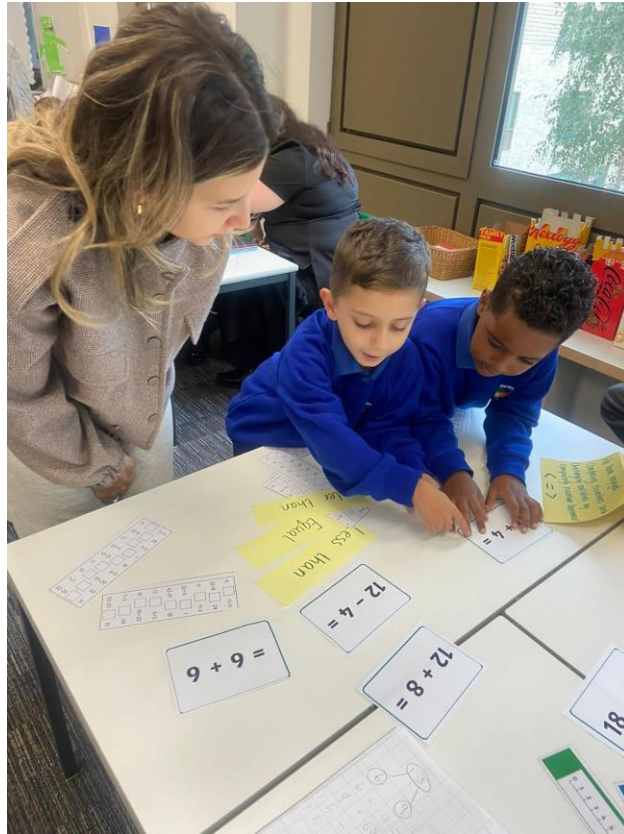


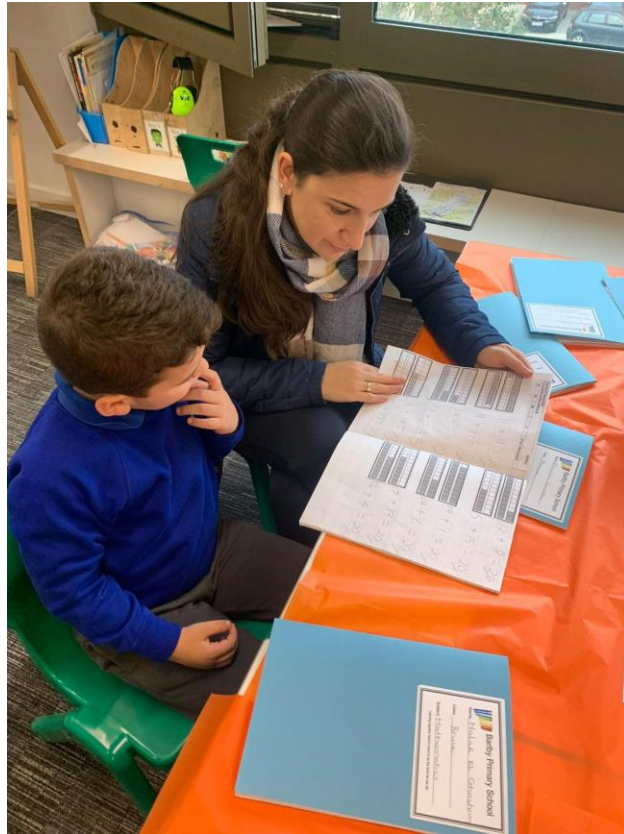












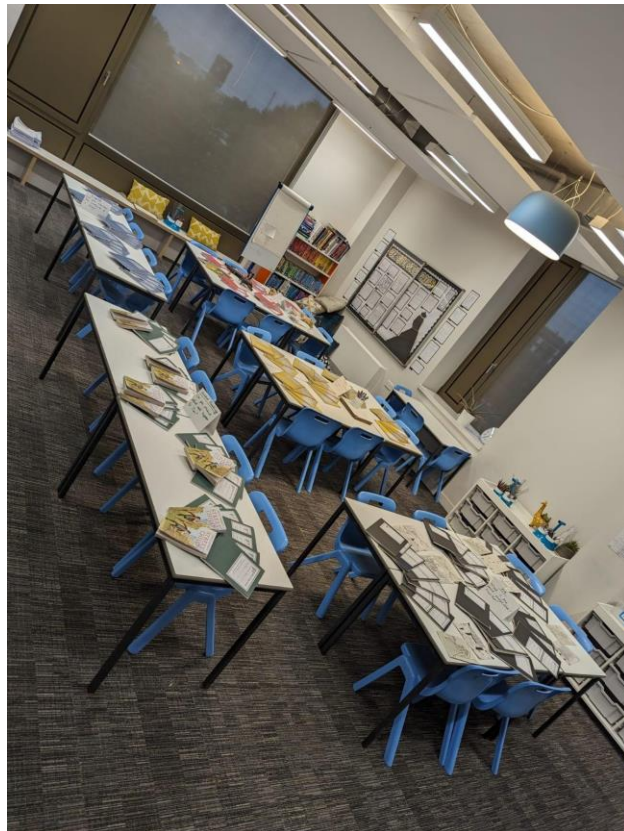




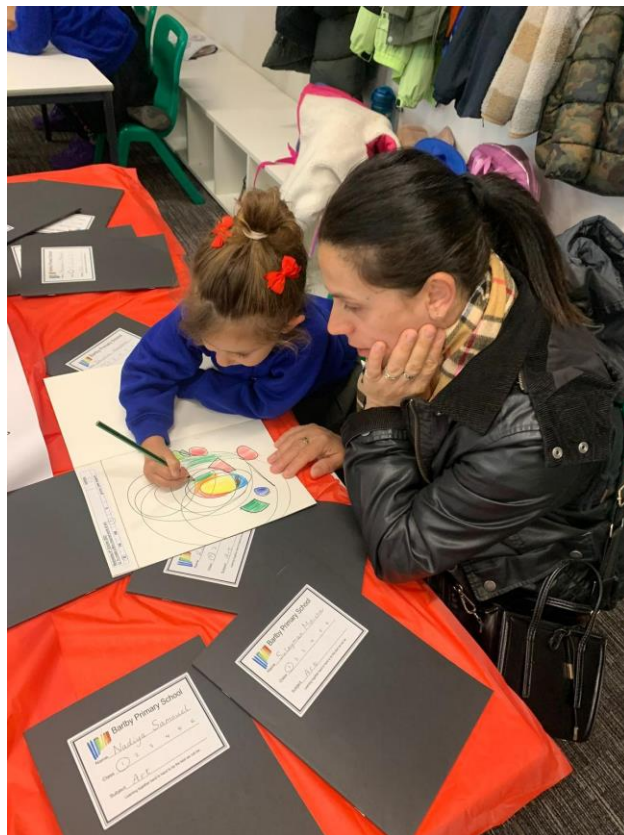
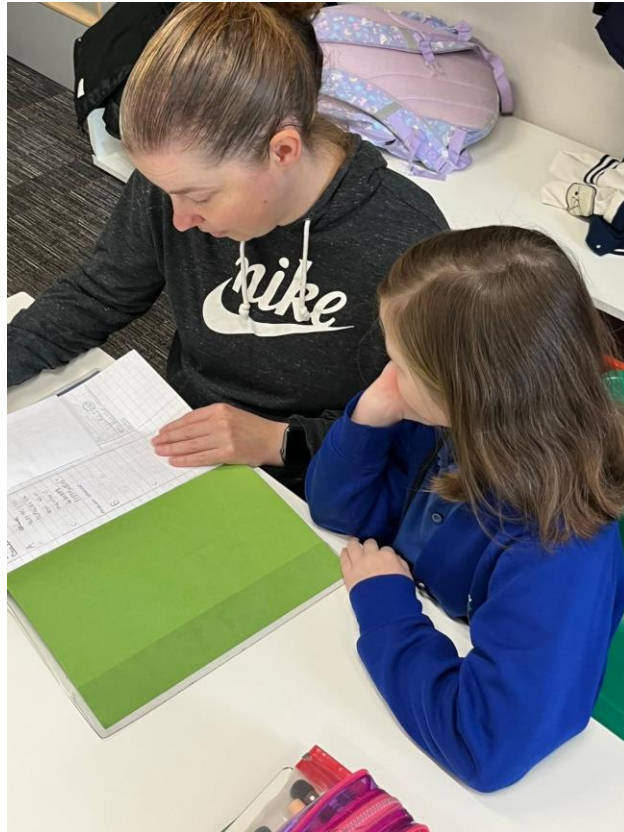
**Learning Zone  
1...see you  
tomorrow. 😊**







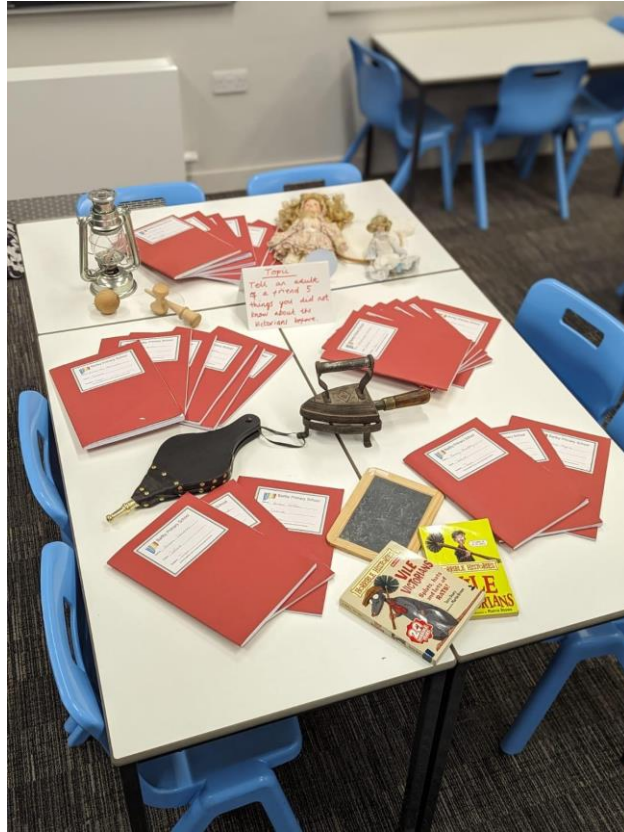


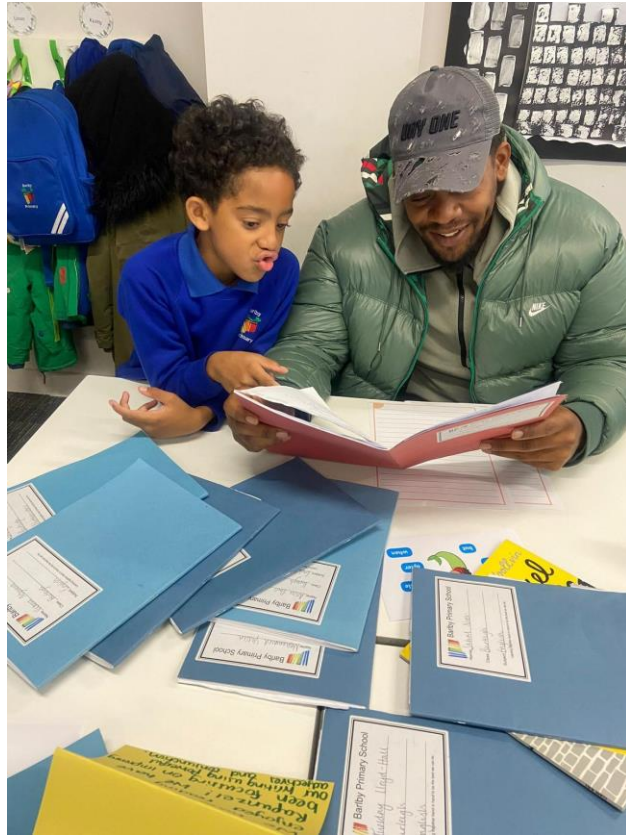


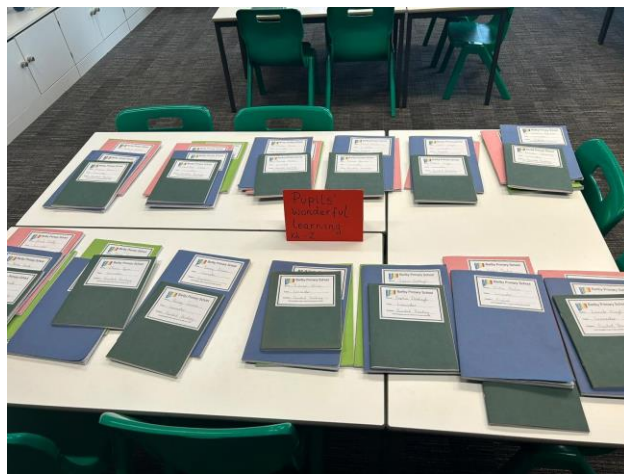
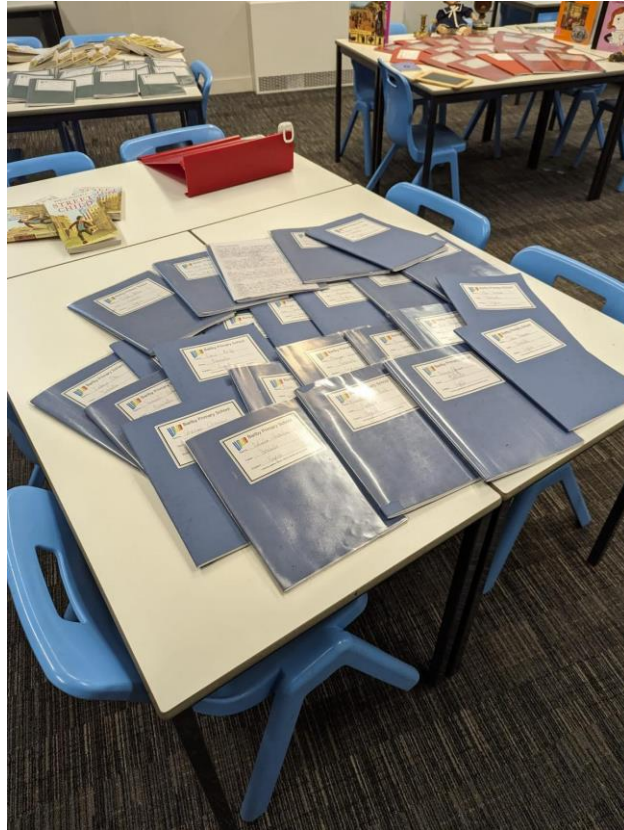




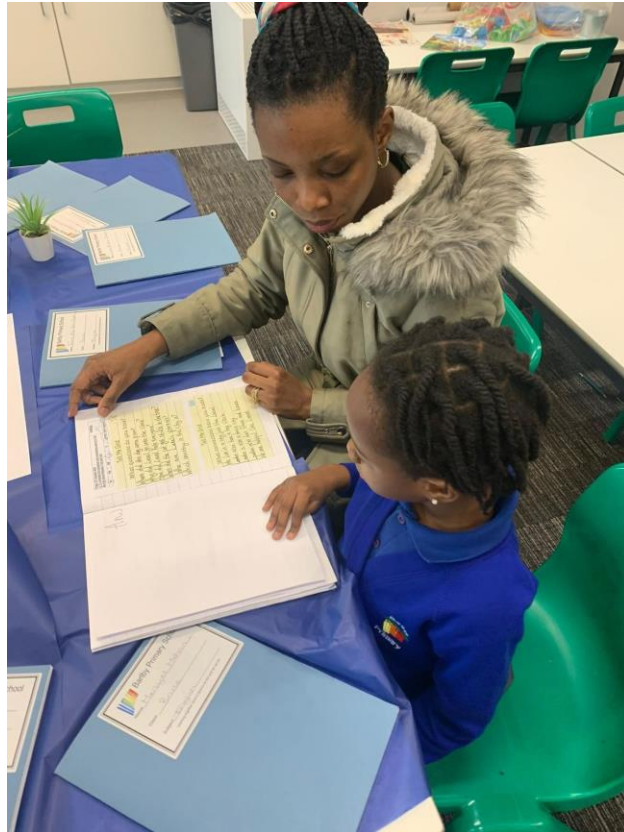
















## Monty Moments!



You may have noticed that I have had a haircut....I am not too happy about this as I was very hairy when it was warm in September and now it is chilly I need a jumper! I am going to make sure my name is on my jumper and my other belongings as I don't want them to get lost and mixed up. I have noticed that so many children forget to pick up uniform items at the end of lunch time so I will try to set a good example and take care of mine, I don't want my things to end up in the community room lost property. Since I last wrote to you, I have been very busy trialing school meals and I have decided that Wednesdays and Fridays are my favourite days because I love the roast dinner with gravy and the fish on a Friday (although I take off the batter)...sometimes I have a few chips but these are only served once a week. This is good as I like to stay healthy.

Outside of school I have enjoyed exploring in nature as I enjoy the crispy autumn leaves- they are great fun for rolling around in and getting muddy! You can find a photo of me in the park below...I had just finished my puppucino and was thinking of jumping in an enormous puddle when the photo was taken. I hope you have a happy half term holiday- I plan to go on lots of walks with my ball on a rope and I'm looking forward to hearing about your adventures when we come back to school.









## Enrichment Autumn 1: Making Memories!

Enjoy a snapshot of photos from the past couple of week...













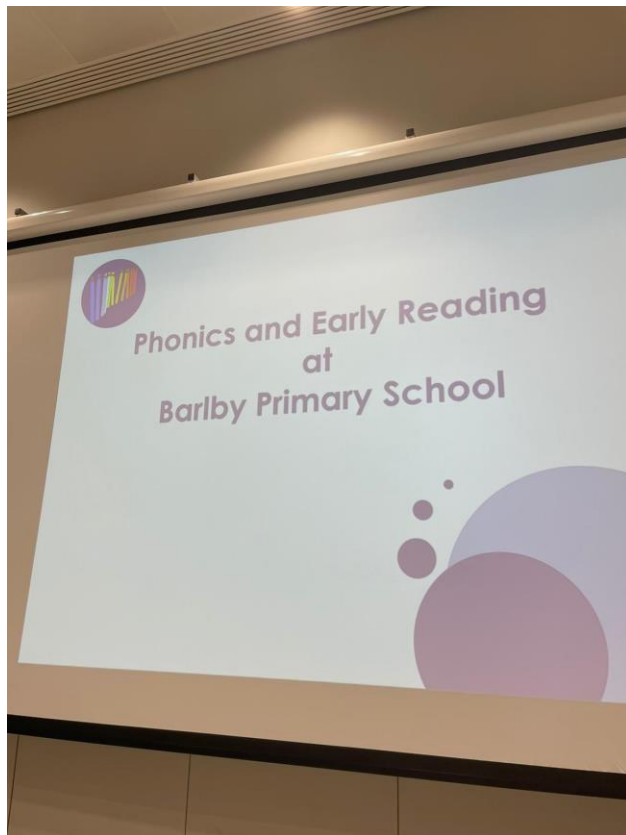






























## The Wider Curriculum Autumn 2

We have had an amazing half term of learning through our Wider Curriculum and cannot wait to start exploring our new topics in Autumn 2. We have had some inspiring class trips such as visiting The British Museum and Fulham Palace and some very exciting visitors - in Year 3 we welcomed some flamenco dancers! We have started celebrating Black History Season and will be learning more about inspirational black women - watch this space for our outcomes linked to this.

Please see below for the topics that your children will be exploring in Autumn 2. More information on this is available on our class pages on our website.

Click on this link to access our class pages:

[Class information pages - click here!](#)

***These are our topics for Autumn 2:***

Nursery: **CELEBRATIONS**

Reception: **CELEBRATIONS**

Year 1: **DINOSAURS**

Year 2: **FAMOUS PEOPLE**

Year 3: **ANCIENT EGYPTIANS**

Year 4: **SAVE THE PLANET!**

Year 5: **OFF WITH HER HEAD! (continued)**

Year 6: **BLOOD HEART**





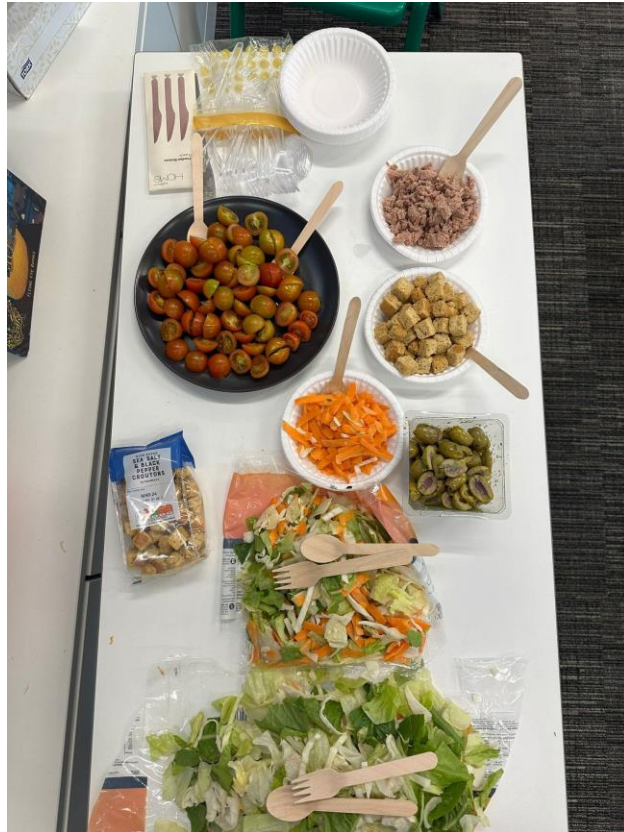


























## A snapshot of Year 1 so far...



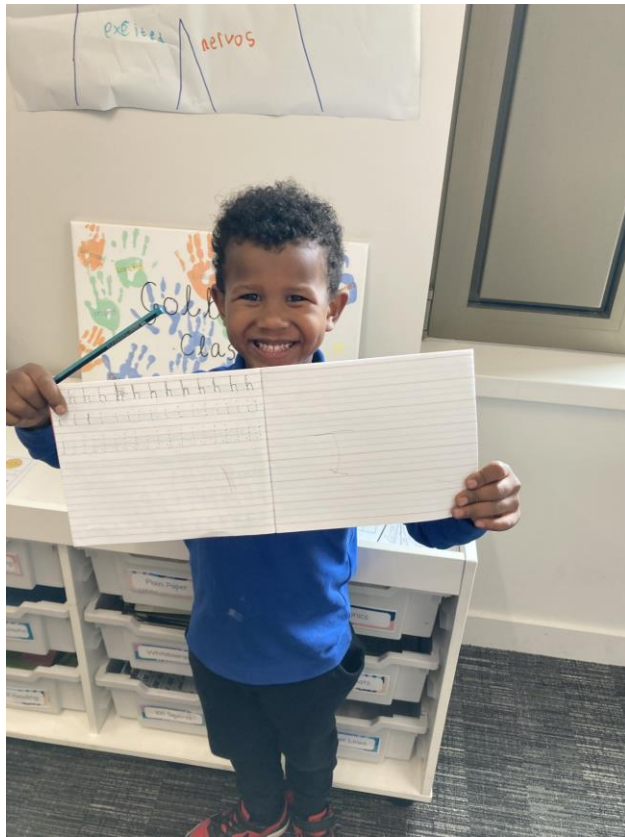
What a fantastic start to Year 1 this has been! We have reunited with our friends, transitioned into the Year 1 timetable and have completed learning across the National Curriculum. Year 1 have enjoyed using our learning books to complete tasks and some of our learning will also be available to see on Tapestry too.

Our topic for this half term has been 'All About Me'. We have learnt about the human body, the five senses and looked at the features of different animals. With our findings, we were able to create pictograms and charts with tallies. Our book in English also relates to our 'All About Me' topic as it follows the story of a young girl who lives in a busy city, just like us! She is able to freeze time and help everyone around the city without them knowing. We understood the message behind the story as 'kindness is important even when someone doesn't realise'. From reading this book, we have produced amazing outcomes ranging from empathising with characters, using punctuation, using adjectives and extending our sentences using joining conjunctions like 'and' and 'because'. As we have been recapping our Phonics learning from last year, we have been able to use this to help us with our writing outcomes.

In Maths, we have been focusing on number formation and now we are able to write addition number sentences! We have also focused on number bonds within and to ten and have written them systematically!

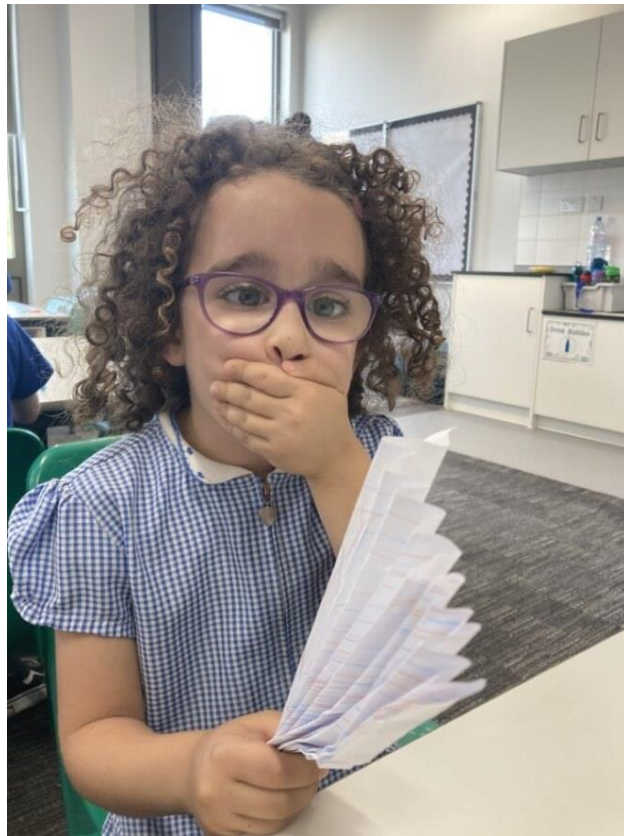
We have also enjoyed the foundation subjects in Year 1 like Music, PSHE, RE, PE, Computing and Spanish too!





















## English at Barlby



For early reading, we are continuing the use of our Little Wandle Phonics Scheme and the associated 'Big Cat Phonics' books for Guided Reading. All year groups complete five lessons of Guided Reading a week in order to develop decoding, prosody, fluency and comprehension. Our library at Barlby is continuously growing and we have been accepted to be the recipients of even more new, inclusive, fun books! These books will be given to us by the Children's Book Project and will be available at school as well as to take home and keep!

After the half term, we have decided to introduce 'Reading Buddies' meaning that the children will have an opportunity to read with another child who is not in their class or cohort! This will be a designated time every week to encourage reading for pleasure. This allows even more time for children to read at school throughout the week. Further to this, a KS2 book club will also be starting after the half term at lunch time. This will continue the encouragement of the 'reading for pleasure' culture we have at Barlby as well as preparing your children for life at secondary school. We are also lucky enough to have such



wonderful parents who have offered to come in during the school day and read with children. This is a great opportunity for the children to share a book with a new adult.

At Barlby, we also want to expand our love for writing. We have spoken with the children about their learning in English and discussed what they enjoy and what they would like to do more of. The books that we are reading in each year group are inclusive, engaging and related to the current Topic. This helps with broadening discussions and the development of our writing skills across the curriculum. We have made sure that children are exposed to a range of genres including both fiction and non-fiction texts. This will enable children to experience different use of language in order to change their style of writing to suit a task.

Lastly, we would like to say a huge thank you for those who were able to attend the Early Reading sessions held for parents and carers.



## Contact Us



If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher in the first instance. They will be available in the playground at the end of everyday. You can also call or email the school office and ask for a call back from your class teacher.

Mr Mannix (Head Teacher), Mr Simon (Deputy Head Teacher) Miss Nicholls(Deputy Headteacher) and Emma Harpin (SENCO) will be on the gates in the morning and after school and we will happily answer any questions or sign post you to the best person to help with your question.

You can also email your class teacher using the following class email addresses:

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[louise.harrison@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:louise.harrison@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk) (Sutton R)

[moby.idowu@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:moby.idowu@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk) (Bruce 1)

[zhane.atherly@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:zhane.atherly@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk) (Golborne 1)

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*3 - Nursery: Mr Bird and Mrs Sitch*



*4 - Reception: Mr Catantan (Peabody) Ms Harrison (Sutton)*



*5 - Year 1: Mr Idowu (Bruce) Ms Atherly (Golborne)*



*6 - Year 2: Mr Jenkins-James (Balfour) Ms Jethwa (Burleigh)*



*7 - Year 3: Ms Stephen (Lancaster) Ms Wood (Latimer)*





*8 - Year 4: Mr Horton (Treverton) Mr Alleyne-Weir (Dalgarno)*



*9 - Year 5: Ms Cox (Westbourne) Ms Begum (Ladbroke)*



*10 - Year 6: Mr Enright (Trellick) Ms Omar (Portobello)*