



Buzzards Class Newsletter



January 2025 Spring
Term



Reading

Thank you to those that are supporting their children with spelling and reading at home. We would recommend that children in KS1 to be reading at least **x4** a week in order to help them to make sufficient progress. As a little incentive, children who accomplish this, will get a drink and a biscuit on a Friday.

Tracking your child's reading progress

(Order of book colour progress - Red, purple, pink, orange, yellow, blue, grey, comprehension group)

End of Autumn term expected progress (to be seen as on track)

Year 1 – to know all set 2 sounds and to be reading pink story books.

Year 2 – blue Storybooks

Spelling

Tests will continue to take place **every Monday**. Please make sure your children practice these as much as possible. The Squeebles Spelling app is a fantastic tool that you can use to help your children with their spellings.



Happy New Year and welcome back; we hope you have had a wonderful and refreshing break. We have another exciting term of activities planned, with new learning challenges in all curriculum areas. We can't wait to get started!

What will you need to bring to school EVERY DAY?

Snack – fruit is available daily, although you may wish to bring in a healthy fruit or vegetable snack of your own.

Water Bottle – Please bring in a named water bottle.

Coat & Jumper/Cardigan – warm coat, hats and gloves if necessary.

Reading book and Reading Log - this is vitally important!



We know the children are going to love our new topic '**Down on the Farm**' In English we will be focussing on these text Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell, Sam's Duck/The Birthday Duck by Michael Morpurgo, The Mouse, the Frog and the Little Red Hen. Activities will include retelling the stories, sequencing and inventing our own stories. The children will be using all of the grammar and spellings they have previously learnt within their writing, plus learning some new vocabulary and grammar.

Learning time is precious! Every day of learning counts. The government and OFSTED expect your child's attendance to be minimum of 96%, so unless they are seriously unwell they should be in school! The curriculum is fast paced and if your child misses school it means they are now behind and this can be very difficult to catch back up.



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Maths

Our school Olympic maths targets will start this term. This means children will be sent home with a maths target to learn. Please ensure that your child is actually learning the maths objective they are on and not just completing the worksheets. E.g. number bonds/doubles to 10/ halves etc. Learning these number facts will help to make confident mathematicians.

Please use these lovely free resources to help with your maths.

Topmarks – daily 10 game - This will help with times tables, numbers facts and those important maths skills.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Hit the button - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - small fee when using on iPads.

Buzzards weekly timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Phonics Spellings Maths Science/DT	Phonics Maths English ICT /PSHE	Phonics Dance Y2/Maths Y1 English Art/Music	Phonics/ YR2 Swimming Maths English Topic	Phonics Maths English PE

YEAR 2 Swimming – Every Thursday

PE will continue to be on **Fridays** with Miss Storey! Please come to school already dressed in your PE kit!



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