

Y1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer holidays! We hope you had a wonderful summer with your families. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. The children have settled so well in these first few weeks and are eager and enthusiastic in their approach to the Year 1 curriculum.

As the children make the transition from Reception to Year 1 we endeavour to make as many aspects of the curriculum as enriching as we can. These enhancements include using our outdoor classroom to teach different subjects, yoga sessions, maths games using different equipment, role-play, self-selected table top activities such as phonics games and special days such as United Nations day. We will definitely have lots of fun learning in Year 1!

Homework

Reading – Children will take part in guided reading sessions in school and we ask you to support them by listening to them read at home. Books will be changed each week on Mondays and Thursdays. We encourage you to use 'Bug Club' online as an extra resource for reading at home. All usernames and passwords will be stuck in the back of your child's reading record.

Spellings – Your child will bring home spellings to learn each Friday for a test on the following Thursday. To support their learning further children can play games to help them learn their spellings by logging on to 'Spelling Shed.' Please ensure that spelling books are returned to school each Thursday.

Other homework – Your child will receive a piece of homework on a Friday (to be returned on a Tuesday). This will usually alternate between English, Maths or topic but sometimes homework relating to other subjects may be sent. Thank you for your support with this. To clarify, children ought to be able to complete homework independently. If your child is struggling with a particular piece of work, please do not feel you must continue, instead let your child's teacher know.

RE

Our topics are 'God's Great Plan' and 'Mary Our Mother'. Children will be learning about the creation story and how we can look after God's world. We will also be learning about Mary's importance in the Catholic church and why she was chosen to do a very special job. The children will continue to take turns to bring the class 'Prayer Bag' home and then they will have the opportunity to lead a short worship session in class, if you have any questions about this please speak to your child's teacher.

PE

This term all Year 1 classes will participate in dance as part of our P.E. curriculum. The children will continue to take part in multi-skills sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day and that all items of uniform and kit are clearly labelled. Trainers are needed this term as multi-skills will take

place outside, weather permitting. If at any time you wish your child to be exempt from a PE lesson for medical reasons, a letter must be sent into school.

PPA

In Year 1 on a Wednesday afternoon, a carousel of PE, Music and Computing will be taught by specialist subject teachers.

History & Geography

In Geography children will be learning about landscapes of the UK and important landmarks. In History we will learn about important people from the past with a focus on Guy Fawkes.

Science

Our science topics are 'Who am I?' and 'Celebrations.' The children will learn about the body and the senses. They will also investigate light, music and food groups. Mrs Mackenzie works with the teachers to deliver the musical aspects of this topic.

Art/ DT

The children will be learning about colour, pattern and line with a focus on landscapes and the artist 'William Turner'

PSHE

We follow our Jigsaw scheme of work and the topics we are covering are 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating difference' which encompasses the wellbeing of children and celebrating their talents and differences. The children will also learn about friendship and anti-bullying.

RSE

As you are aware we have a new scheme called 'A Journey in Love' and we will be using these resources in the summer term. The topic is 'We meet God's love in our family,' children will know and understand that they are growing and developing as members of their own family and God's family.

If you have any interesting artefacts or resources or are indeed an expert in any of the above topics or aspects of the curriculum, please do get in touch with your class teacher. We would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your support, we hope you have found the information useful. Please remember that we are very much a listening school; please feel free to contact your child's teacher should you have any queries or concerns. If it is not possible for you to speak in person, please put a note either into your child's bag or reading record and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children!

Miss Slater Mr McCann Mrs Burke Mrs O'Keefe