

YEAR 1 AUTUMN 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2017

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. I am looking forward to working with your child in Year 1 this year and getting to know them well. The children have settled into class showing great enthusiasm for the year ahead.

This year, Year 1 will be supported in their learning by Mrs Charles and Mrs Milner who will teach them on a Friday morning. The children will be learning about a variety of new topics and embarking on a new curriculum seen below. Don't forget to look at all the fun things we will be doing on our school website and twitter feed, which will be regularly updated. This half termly newsletter aims to inform you of the Year 1 curriculum for the forthcoming half term and any important routines and dates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to working with you this year,

Miss O'Hara



Homework

Reading: Year 1 children are expected to read for 10 minutes per night. Books are changed on Mondays and Fridays and will be sent home on these days. Please ensure that you leave a comment and add your initials when you listen to your child read.

Spellings: A list of spellings will be stuck in the front of their books to be given out Monday ready for a test on Friday. Please ensure your child brings spelling books on Friday as they do the test in them.

Written Homework: This will be given out on a Friday to be returned on Monday. This task should take about 10 minutes. There will be a balance of Literacy, Maths and topic work throughout the year.



Important Days

Monday:

Hand in homework.

Reading books changed.

Tuesday

PE kit required

Wednesday

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Friday:

Reading books changed

Spelling test

Homework given.

Important Dates

Wednesday 20th September
school photographs.

Wednesday 4th October St
Francis Feast Day (Class Saint).

Friday 6th October Harvest
Assembly 2.15.

Wednesday 18th Rosary Day.

Thursday 19th October School
closes. Last Day of Term.

Friday 20th October Training
Day.

Thursday 29th March Class
assembly

English

This half term the children will focus on the fiction unit 'Guess What?' The children will be

- Composing sentences orally
- Using the correct punctuation
- Predicting what we happen next
- Using their imagination and role play
- Plan, storyboard and re-tell stories in their own words
- Review and evaluate with their peers

PE

Year 1 will have two PE lessons every week. Our first session will be Gymnastics. We will focus on creating a routine. Our second session will be looking at ball skills. Children will be developing basic catching and throwing skills.

History / Geography

In theme, we will look at 'Our local area' our focus will be:

- I can name the 4 countries in the UK and locate them on a map.
- I can explain where I live and tell someone my address.
- I can identify physical and human features of a local area using key vocabulary

RE

Our focus for RE this half term is 'God's Great Plan'. We will be focusing on

- I can talk about my feelings about God's beautiful world
- I can recognise the story of creation as a religious story
- I can retell the story of the seven days of creation

Mathematics

In Maths, Year 1 will be focusing on:

- Place Value to 10
- One more and one less than a number
- add and subtracting one-digit digit numbers
- Number bonds to 10

The Year 1 Curriculum

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Science

In Science, we will be looking at 'Animals including humans'. Pupils will learn to:

- To identify, name and classify a variety of pet, mammals, reptiles, fish and amphibians.

Computing

Our focus for ICT is 'logging on', our focus will be:

- Logging onto the computer
- Using a variety of different programmes including Mathletics, Active learn and Purple Mash

Music

Our focus this half term is going to be 'Hey You', it is written in an old school hip hop style for children to learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form.

Art

Our focus this half term is going to be looking at 'colour creations'.

- To be able to identify colours and the objects that are associated with them.
- To be able to identify primary colours.
- To be able to mix primary colours to create secondary colours.