

Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support so far this year. The children are working so hard and are becoming more familiar with the routines and expectations of Year 1. Parental support and involvement is vital in Year 1 so here is a summary of what will be covered in class during the Autumn term so you can support your child at home.

ENGLISH

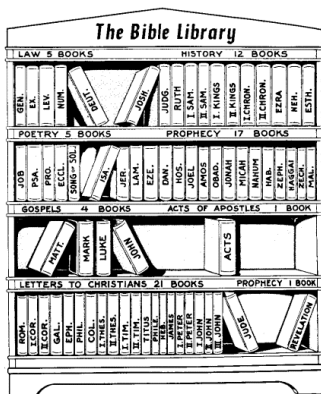
Year 1 pupils have begun this term with their Grammarsaurus unit, which focuses on sentence structure and will be applying this to a text. During Autumn 1, we will be focusing on sentence writing and capital letters and full stops in our writing. We will be writing descriptions and captions to describe the stories we will be reading.

In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on Traditional Tales. We will be focusing on our sentence skills further through non-fiction and fiction writing. Throughout Autumn term in English lessons, children will be working hard to use punctuation for all sentences and develop their vocabulary. We will also be focusing on improving our spelling skills and improving our handwriting as we begin to use cursive handwriting to join letters.

Year 1 will be taking part in daily spelling sessions where they will focus on using their phonics sounds to help them to spell the

Year 1 common exception words.

It is important that children are reading regularly at home and bring their book bag to school daily.



MATHS

Year 1 pupils are already showing an enjoyment of their practical Maths lessons and are working hard to develop their understanding of place value within 10.

During Autumn term, children will also be focusing on place value skills and two of the four operations: addition, and subtraction within 10. Children will be able to understand the place value of any single digit numbers and be able to represent and partition these numbers in a variety of ways.

We will be focusing on mastering numbers this half term which we see the children finding numbers bonds to 5 and 10.

In addition to this, children will be developing their number recognition and formation to 10.

RE

We continue to follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE strategy.

Year 1 will be learning more about the Bible and focusing on a range of stories from the Bible. Through our unit 'Creation' we will be learning about how God created the world, why he created it for us and how we can look after the world. Our second unit will focus on 'Families and Celebrations' within our Church.

Before Christmas, we will be completing our Advent unit where we will be focusing on the importance of preparing for Jesus' birth and His second coming. We will also be learning about different places of Worship as part of our multi faith curriculum.

Throughout the year, children will continue to attend Mass on a Wednesday and prayer services in school. Children will continue with daily Collective Worship opportunities in school and will have the opportunity to plan and lead these themselves within their class.



GEOGRAPHY

During the Autumn term, children are completing a unit for 'The features of our school and how they support plant life'. We will be learning about our school environment and recognising the places around our school. We will be able to name and locate our local town, and describe the local area. In addition to this we will learn about famous landmarks through pictures and discussions, and human and physical features of our environment.



SCIENCE

Children will be completing a unit titled 'Animals including Humans' during Autumn 1. During this unit, we will be learning about the different animal groups and describing similarities and differences in animals, including humans. When learning about humans, Year 1 will be able to name and locate the main parts of the human body, and will understand the role of the skeleton. Year 1 will also be learning about the five senses and how they are used through both practical and written tasks.

COMPUTING

Children will learn how to log on to their own accounts and how to access and use Purple Mash. We will be learning about online safety, discussing ways to keep ourselves safe online and the importance of doing this. Children will be able to identify where to go for help and support if they have any concerns when online.



PE

During PE sessions, Year 1 are completing their first unit of Run, Catch, Throw. Within this unit children will be developing their skills in moving in different ways as well as catching and throwing different types of equipment.

ART and D+T

As part of our Art this half term, children will be completing a unit called 'Monochromatic art: Christa Rijneveld'. We will start introducing the children to a range of art media and teaching children how to express themselves through art. We will be able to explore with colours and In Autumn 2, we will be learning about moving mechanisms. We will research, design and evaluate our own moving mechanisms.

At home

Homework is set via Purple Mash **every Friday**. Please make sure that this is completed by the following **Thursday**.

It is important that children read at home **daily** and bring their book bag into school **each day** so they can also read with a teacher. Children will bring home one Phonics reading book and one reading for pleasure book chosen by the child.

Please ensure that home reading books are returned on your child's specific day each week and that reading diaries are filled in and signed each week.

P.E. and games lessons will be on a **Monday and Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kits and that they have the correct named kit in school with the correct red PE top for every session.

All children **must** have a school shirt and tie and **must** be wearing the correct school shoes. If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to have a chat with us at 3.35pm.

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