

Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in the Autumn term. The children have worked very hard and are developing more confidence in the skills they have learnt so far in 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 Spring term so you can support your child at home.

ENGLISH

Year 1 pupils will be focusing on stories which link into our Arctic Adventures Geography topic. We will be reading The Great Explorer as well as many other linked texts. During Spring 1 we will be focusing on sentence writing and capital letters and full stops in our writing. We will be learning how to write sentences in order to create short narratives, to use compound sentences in our writing, to use the prefix -un correctly and to begin to use question marks correctly. In Spring 2 we will be looking at a new Grammarsaurus unit. We will be exploring the place value of punctuation and grammar and learning all about different types of nouns and verbs. We will continue to read during our day so please make sure reading books are brought in **every day**.

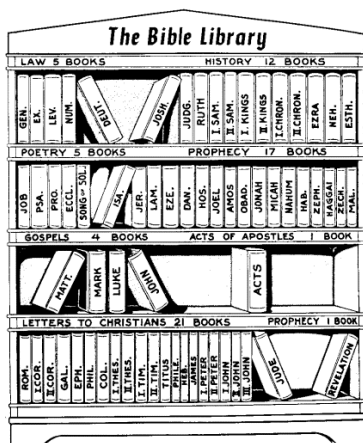


MATHS

Year 1 pupils have worked really hard to develop and strengthen their understanding of place value within 10, and we are now moving onto place value within 20.

During the Spring term, we will be applying our understanding of place value to two of the four operations: addition, and subtraction within 20. Children will be able to understand the place value of any single and double digit numbers within 20 and be able to represent and partition these numbers in a variety of ways.

In addition to this, children will be developing their number recognition and formation to 20.



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. Our first unit of learning is Christmas which will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus through the events that happened before and after.

Our next unit of learning is Jesus: Teacher and Healer in which children will develop their understanding of the person of Jesus and his ministry as a teacher and healer. They will develop an understanding of what Jesus' ministry reveals to us about God. We will then begin our Lent unit, exploring the special season and the reasons for this. Throughout the year, children will continue to attend Mass on a Wednesday and prayer services in school. Children will continue with daily Prayer and Liturgy opportunities in school.



THEMATIC

During Spring 1, in Geography the children will be learning about the daily weather patterns in the UK, hot and cold areas around the world, names of continents and oceans, and how to use maps, atlases and globes to identify continents and oceans. Children will learn songs to help them remember the names of continents and oceans too. In Spring 2, we will begin our history topic of explorers. We will look at different explorers who have impacted the world such as Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus.



SCIENCE

In Spring 1, children will be learning about Everyday Materials. We will be learning the name and identify different materials and what they are used for, describe the properties of materials using key vocabulary, comparing and grouping materials based on their properties, and investigating whether a material is suitable for a particular use. During Spring 2, we will explore the different seasons and the different weather and events that take place in these seasons.

COMPUTING

Children will continue to learn how to log on to their own accounts and how to access and use Purple Mash. We will be learning about how to follow instructions, create simple instructions on the computer and consider how the order of instructions affects the result. We will also be learning how to use direction keys and additional keys on a keyboard, and understand how these help work as part of an algorithm.

PE

During PE sessions, Year 1 are completing their first unit of Run, Jump, 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. Year 1 PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**.



Art

As part of our Art this half term, children will be completing a unit about the painter David McEown. We will have the opportunity to look at, discuss and describe artwork from David McEown, showing an interest in the work of others. We will use materials purposefully to achieve particular characteristics and qualities and correctly use names of tools, techniques and formal elements to help us create our own artwork.

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. 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.

Miss McGrath and Miss Needle.
Year 1 Class Teachers.