

# 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

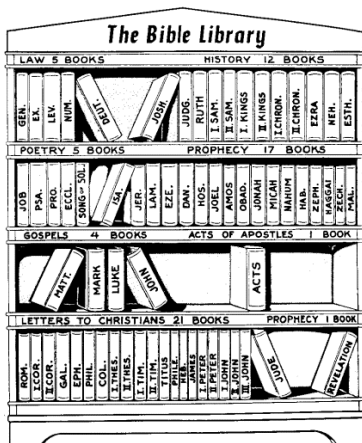
Year 1 pupils will be focusing on traditional tales. We will be reading Little Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs, as well as The Enormous Crocodile. During Spring 1 we will be focusing on sentence writing and capital letters and full stops in our writing. We will be learning how to write sentences in order to create short narratives and character descriptions. We will also be learning to use the conjunction 'and' in our writing to join our ideas. We will begin to look at question marks and exclamation marks in our writing, and use adjectives to describe. In Spring 2, we will be reading The Great Explorer and The Man on the Moon, and we will continue to build our sentence writing skills using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will continue to read during our day so please ensure our children bring their reading books in every day.



## MATHS

Year 1 pupils have worked really hard to develop and strengthen their understanding of numbers 0 - 20. Through the spring term we will be developing number recognition and formation to 20.

We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes while looking at their properties and exploring how we can group them. We will be looking at numbers in depth this term. At where they lie on a number line, how to partition them, recognising odd and even numbers. This will prepare us for Spring 2 where we begin to look at addition and subtraction.



## 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 in Spring 1 is **Christmas** in which will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Christmas as the celebration of the birth of Jesus, through the events that happened before and after. The next unit we will be learning about is **Forgiveness**. This unit children will develop their knowledge and understanding of forgiveness as a gift we receive and as a way that we can show love others. This unit will explore the choices that children make, that these can be good or bad and the consequences that arise from them. In Spring 2, Year 1 will begin the **Lent** unit, which is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Lent as a time of change and of growing to be more like Jesus by following his example. In the unit, the children will explore various aspects of Jesus' message and ways in which Christians can apply these to real life situations.

### 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 Kings and Queens. We will be learning about royalty and what it is like to be a king/queen.



### 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

This half term our units in computing are **Data Explorers** and **Creating and Following Instructions**. Through Data Explorers, children are introduced to software tools to group and sort recognizable objects. Children will develop their understanding of how this relates to organising interpreting data. **Creating and Following Instructions** forms the basis for understanding simple algorithms and algorithmic thinking.

### PE

During PE sessions, Year 1 are completing their first unit of Gymnastics and Dance. Our Gymnastics unit teaches children actions and shapes. Children learn to apply basic strength to gymnastic actions and begin to carry apparatus. Our Dance unit enables children to build simple movement patterns from given actions, and compose and link actions to make simple movement phrases. Year 1 PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**.



### Art

As part of our Art this half term, children will be completing a unit about Chromatic art, specifically focusing on mixing primary and secondary colours. We will have the opportunity to look at, discuss and describe artwork, 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.

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Year 1 Class Teachers.