

# Year 1 Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support so far this year. Parental support and involvement is vital in Year 1. Our children are working so hard and are have risen to the challenges of Year 1. Here is a summary of what will be covered in class during the Summer term so you can support your child at home.

## ENGLISH

We have begun exploring traditional tales. We have started by looking at the Three Little Pigs. We will be also be reading the Enormous Turnip.

Throughout the Summer term, Year 1 will be learning how to use exclamation marks, spell most words correctly using their phonics skills and learning to spell simple compound words. It is important that children are reading regularly at home and bring their book bag to school daily.

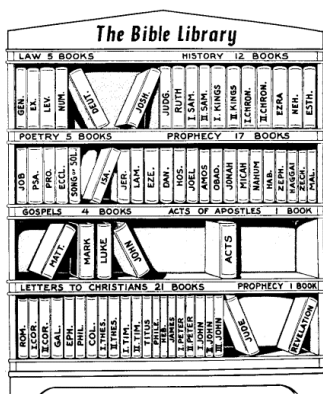
## PHONICS

Year 1 will be working very hard with their phonics over the summer term and trying to learn and retain their sounds in preparation for the screening check. It is important for them to be able to spot special friends in the words to be able to help them read it.

Please encourage them to;

1. Look for special friends
2. Fred Talk
3. Read the word

As Year 1 will be taking their Phonics Screening Check soon, please encourage them to continue to develop their phonics skills through the tasks and homework given.



## 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 50.

During our Summer term, children will also be focusing on multiplication and division, fractions and position and direction. Through a range of practical and written tasks children will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as learning how to share and divide. We will be learning how to find fractions of amount and shapes, and learning to describe the position and direction of objects.

Please support your child in practicing their 2s, 5s and 10 times tables.

## RE

We continue to follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE strategy.

Throughout the Summer term, Year 1 will be completing the following units:

- **Easter**

The children will understand the season of Easter is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

- **Pentecost**

This will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the Pentecost as the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit, and how it changed the life of the disciples.

- **Forgiveness**

This will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of forgiveness as a gift given to us and as a way that we can show others we love them.

- **Sharing Jesus' Life**

This will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the way we, as Christians, are called to share in the life of Jesus, and what it means to be a follower or disciples of Jesus.

- **Following Jesus Today**

This will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of what it means to follow Jesus today, how we belong to the Church as a follower of Jesus and the different ways that members of the Church follow Jesus.

### GEOGRAPHY

During the Summer term, Year 1's topic is 'What oceans and seas surround the UK?' We will be building on our knowledge of the continents and oceans of our world, the oceans and seas that surround the UK and looking at maps, atlases and globes to find locate them.

We will also be building on our knowledge of human and physical features of the world and, in particular, a small part of the UK.



### SCIENCE

Our Summer topic is Plants in which our children will be learning to identify a range of wild and garden plants, looking at the structure of a plant and labelling it, and observing the changes in plants over time. We will also be learning to identify deciduous and evergreen trees, naming and labelling the main parts of a tree and observing the changes in trees over time. This topic provides plenty of practical opportunities for our children to explore the world around them.



### COMPUTING

Children will learn how to log on to their own accounts and how to access and use Purple Mash. We will continue to learn about online safety, discussing ways to keep ourselves safe online and the importance of doing this. Year 1 will also be learning about animated stories, coding, spreadsheets and technology outside of school.

### PE

During PE sessions, Year 1 are will be completing the units **Balancing, Hopping and Jumping** and **Send and Return**. The children will master basic movements such as running, jumping, catching and throwing within these sessions.

### ART/DT

As part of our Art this half term, children will be introduced to the artist Michelle Reader, a sculptor who uses recycled objects to create art and sculptures from unusual materials. Year 1 will be given opportunities to create their own models using recyclable materials. This will allow them to choose materials purposefully, try out a range of materials and tools, and to express themselves through art.

### At home

Homework is set via Purple Mash every Friday. Please make sure that this is completed by the following Thursday. **Additional Phonics tasks are being set this half term to support children with their upcoming Phonics Screening Check.**

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. Please encourage your children to take good care of the books they are bringing home.

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.

Miss McGrath and Miss Needle and the Y1 Team.