

Autumn Term 2022 – Year 1 Newsletter

Hand in hand with Jesus Christ we live, love and learn together.

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you had a wonderful Summer and are ready to embark on a very exciting journey this term in Year 1! We will be covering some wonderful topics which we know will excite you and your child.

R.E

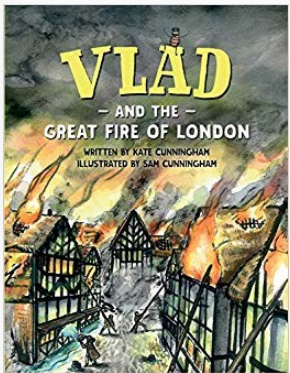
We will cover three topics in R.E this term. We will start with our topic on Families. The children will explore how we are all part of a different family and how God loves and cares for each and every one of us. Our next topic is Belonging where the children will learn about Baptism. We will give the children the opportunity to speak about their own baptism and we will look at the special symbols related to baptism. During November we will also explore a few lessons on Judaism. The final topic we will cover is Waiting. The children will discuss Advent and recognise that for Christians this is a time of waiting for Christmas.

English

Throughout our English topic this term the children will receive daily phonics lessons. Each week we will focus on a new phoneme (sound). To support this learning the children will receive a piece of spelling homework that will link to the phonics work they have done in school. At home we would encourage you to help your child to spot some objects that contain the sound. This term we will also be focusing on the book Vlad and the Great Fire of London by Kate Cunningham. We will be exploring the characters of the story and the children will describe the features of the main characters Vlad and Boxtan.

We will begin to work on capital letters and full stops to compose sentences. This involves composing, holding and speaking a sentence before writing. The children will reread what they have written to make sure it makes sense.

In addition, the children will complete daily handwriting activities to support accurate letter formation. It would be greatly appreciated if you could revise writing upper and lower case letters with your child at home. Another focus this term will be the Year 1 common exception words. Work around this will be ongoing in school.



Provisional Dates:

13.9.22: Welcome to Year 1 Meeting
8.30am

22.9.22: European day of languages

11.10.22 & 13.10.22: Parent Consultation

17.10.22—30.10.22: Half-Term

31.10.22: Return to school

4.11.22: Disco

11.11.22: Remembrance Liturgy
2:45pm

14.11.22 - 18.11.22: Anti-Bullying Week

18.11.22: Children in Need

21.11.22 - 25.11.22: Enterprise Week

25.11.22: Frost Fayre

12.12.22: 1W Christmas celebration
9.15

13.12.22: 1A Christmas celebration
9.15

19.12.22: 1A Christmas jumper &
carols day

20.12.22: 1W Christmas jumper & car-

Homework/Books

Every Tuesday your child will receive a spelling sheet and a maths sheet. Please use your homework journal to file these sheets at home. The homework needs to be returned the following Monday. The spelling test will take place on a Monday and we will send the results home with the homework. At the beginning of an RE topic we will send an extra activity home.

Your child will be allocated a reading day on their return to school. Their books will be changed on this day and they will partake in a guided reading session.

REMINDER

PE Day is Tuesday. Please ensure each piece of PE clothing is clearly labelled with your child's first and last name. It is important that your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor and indoor PE. If you have any questions regarding the PE kit please do not hesitate to message us on Seesaw.

Collection arrangements

If there is a sudden change in your child's collection arrangements on the day, **please inform the school office first** as they can communicate this with us quicker than on Seesaw. This ensures that the teacher and all other Year 1 staff are aware of who is collecting your child.

Seesaw

Seesaw is our learning platform and a quick and easy way for us to communicate with each other, especially given current circumstances. Please feel free to use this platform to speak to us.

If you are struggling in any way to access your child's Seesaw account please feel free to contact us through the school office so we can assist you.

Within **History** we will be focusing on the topics of London in the 17th Century and changes in living memory. We will be exploring the Stuart era and learning about Stuart food, houses, and schooling linked to our topic of The Great Fire of London. Later in the term, the children will get the opportunity to design and make their own Stuart house.



In **Science** the children will be learning to name and label the parts of the body. They will investigate how we use our 5 senses in everyday life. We will also test different types of materials and carry out experiments.

In **Design & Technology**, the children will be designing, making, and evaluating their own moving Christmas cards.

As part of our **Art** topic the children will be concentrating on colour. They will be mixing the primary colours with a focus on shading.

The children will have the opportunity to work in our **Computing** lab this term. The focus of this term will be logging on and off the computer and key typing and mouse skills.

Maths

This term sees the children cover the following topics.

Number and Place value within 20: Children will be engaging in many activities including:

- Sorting and counting of objects
- Count, read and write the words for these numbers
- Comparing and ordering of numbers

Addition and Subtraction:

- Number families upto 20 e.g., $2 + 3 = 5$, $10 + 4 = 14$, $0 + 20 = 20$.
- Working out simple number sentences

Geometry:

- Recognising, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes

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