

Year 1 Newsletter—Autumn Term

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.

RE

We will cover three topics in RE 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 and the related special symbols. We give the children the opportunity to speak about their own baptism. 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. During November, we will also explore a few lessons on Judaism.

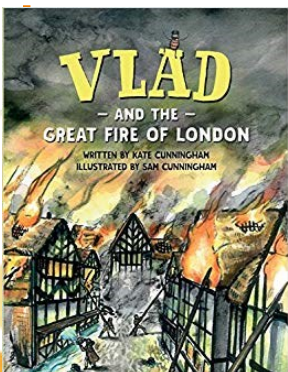
English

Throughout English the children will focus on a weekly phoneme (sound), as well as receive daily phonics sessions. To support this learning, the children will receive a piece of spelling homework that is linked 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 that 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 begin to describe the features of the main characters Vlad and Boxton.

We will begin to work on capital letters and full stops to compose sentences. This involves composing, holding, and speaking a sentence before writing. In addition, the children will complete weekly 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 and within the weekly spellings.



Provisional Dates

- 11/9/23: Welcome to Year 1 - 8:30am
- 28/9/23: European Day of Languages
- 17/10/23 & 19/10/23: Parent Consultations
- 23/10/23 - 5/11/23: Half Term
- 6/11/23: Return to School
- 9/11/23: Remembrance Liturgy
- 13/11/23 - 17/11/23: Anti-bullying and Judaism Week
- 20/11/23 - 24/11/23: Enterprise Week & Frost Fayre (24/11/23)
- 13/12/23: 1W Christmas Celebration - 9:15
- 14/12/23: 1A Christmas Celebration - 9:15
- 19/12/23: 1A Christmas Jumper Day
- 20/12/23: 1W Christmas Jumper Day
- 22/12/23-3/01/24: Christmas Holidays

Homework

Every Tuesday you 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 on 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 children 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 that 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 PE kit please don't hesitate to message us via SeeSaw.

Home Collection

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.

Maths

This term sees the children cover the following topics...

Number and Place Value: Children will sort and count objects...count, read and write the words for these numbers...compare and order numbers

Addition and Subtraction: Children will work out simple number sentences and learn about number families up to 20 (e.g., $1 + 9 = 10$, $2 + 8 = 10$, $3 + 7 = 10$)

Geometry: Children will recognise, name and sort 2D and 3D shapes.

Topic

In **Geography** we will be looking at the United Kingdom. We will name and locate the 4 countries with their capital cities, the surrounding seas and learn about the flags and famous landmarks in each country.

Our **History** topic will focus upon London in the 17th century and changed in living memory. We will explore the Stuart era which will link 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.



Within **Science** the children will name and label the parts of the body, and will investigate how we use our 5 senses in everyday life. We will then move onto looking at different materials and carry out experiments to test their properties.

In **Design and Technology** the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own moving windmill. As part of our **Art** topic on colour the children 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.

The Year 1 Team

Teachers	Teaching Assistants	Support Staff
Miss Adams (1A)	Mrs Pezzolo	Mrs Gaffur
Miss Walsh (1W)	Mrs Hickman	Mrs Hussain