



Welcome to Year 1!

Autumn Term 2021

Diary Dates:

Mass of Welcome:
23rd September
10:15-11:15

Francis of Assisi Hub
Mass: 4th October

Harvey Mass: 7th
October 2:30

Parent Consultations:

13th October 1:30-
3:30

14th October 4:00-
7:00

Half Term: 18th-29th
October

Back to School: 2nd
November

NDCYS- Youth Day:
19th November

Advent
Celebration/Liturgy:
1st December

Christmas Jumper
Day: 15th December

Christmas Holidays:
20th December – 3rd
January

Mr. Harvey -

I would like to take this moment to welcome both the new children and their families into Year 1. I hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready to join me for an exciting and busy school year.

RE is very much at the heart of our learning and this term we will be covering:

- **Families`**

We will learn that everyone belongs to the family of God. We will talk about our own families and the differences between them. Children will understand that God loves and takes care of us.

- **Belonging**

We will explore the different groups that we belong to. Children will learn that Baptism enables us to belong to God's family in a special way. We will visit the church to find out what happens during a Baptism.

- **Waiting**

We will learn that Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for Jesus. We will explore the story of Christingle and find out why God sent Jesus to us.

Rise Up with Courage and Confidence: how will you be brave this term?

The overarching theme this year at **BRW** is continuing from last year 'BRW Spirit Strong'. Through this we will be challenging and stretching our children to be the best version of themselves, cultivating a caring community who take risks, are curious and keen to better themselves.

Year one will launch their year with '*Rise Up with Courage and Confidence*'. We will be guided by the courage showed by the legendary **Grace Darling**.

During History lessons, we will find out who **Grace Darling** is and about her long-lasting legacy which is still celebrated by the **RNLI** to this day. We will be looking at lots of different

specifically what would be best for a lighthouse that **Grace Darling** might have used.

Our Art skills will be developed as we learn about **William Morris**. Using his work as an inspiration, we will be creating our own pieces of artwork whilst learning about different art techniques.

We will be having 2 sessions of PE a week, one from Mrs Bathgate where we will be learning different dance techniques. We will also have Multi-Skills sessions from our coach **Gordon Fearn**.

In D&T, we will be keeping **Grace Darling** in mind whilst we design our own boat. We will be getting ideas from pictures and carefully selecting the correct materials needed. We will also be investigating these materials to see whether or not they sink or float.

Our English lessons will be packed full of exciting texts to dive into. The first of which is 'Lost and Found' by **Oliver Jeffers**. We will be exploring this book in great depth as we learn to retell this story through writing and drama. We will use this as inspiration for writing our own stories. We will then be writing a letter about plastic in the ocean. Our focus is using capital letters and full stops when writing in full sentences.

During our weekly computing sessions with **Mrs Piper**, we will be learning how to log on and off of the computers, internet safety and keyboard skills.

Our Maths focus of the term is number and place value, adding and subtracting to 10, shape and finally, number and place value to 20.

I am so excited about all the amazing and fulfilling topics we are going to learn about. It promises to be a fantastic year ahead.

historical sources and become detectives to figure out what is real and what is false.

In Geography, we will learn about continents and oceans. We will be learning about the 7 continents and the 5 oceans and to understand where we are in the world.

In Science, we will be learning about the changing seasons. We will become weather detectives and be constantly monitoring our changing weather. We will also be learning about materials,

Homework

Homework tasks will be given out by Thursday. This will be spellings, number challenge, letter formation or a mini-project to complete at home.

Please support your child in these tasks as they will feed into our learning in the classroom. Spelling tests will take place on **Thursday**.

Notices

Hair – it is school policy that all hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up. Hair bobbles must be discreet and in school colours. No large bows or novelty hair bands please.

Shoes – School shoes must be worn now children are in Year 1. No trainers please.

Reading Books

All children will be given a reading record, phonetically decodable book and library reading book. Please listen to your child read **everyday** and write a comment in the reading record. The library book is one to share and enjoy together. Your child is not expected to read this independently.

Children must bring in their reading books everyday. We have weekly guided reading sessions and volunteers who listen to the children read.

Inside each reading record is a list of Year 1 common exception word. These words cannot be decoded using phonics. All children are expected to be able to **read** and **spell** all of these words by the end of the year. Please refer to this word list regularly in order to help your child learn them. Weekly spelling tests will be sent home from this list.

Reading books will be changed every **Monday** and **Thursday**.

PE

Kit: PE kit must be brought into school on Monday and will be returned on Friday. All earrings must be removed for PE lessons. If children are unable to do this independently then please remove them before the school day.

Wednesday – Multi-Skills with **Gordon Fearne**

During cold weather children should wear trainers or plimsols, plain jogging bottoms or leggings and a plain sweatshirt or hoodie.

Friday – Dance with **Mrs Bathgate** (Inside)

Children should wear white t-shirts and black shorts (no stripes or logos).

Lab Coats

During Science lessons, we like to dress up as real scientists. Please send your child with an old white shirt or t-shirt to go over our uniforms and act as a lab coat. Thank you.

And finally...

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me either before or after the school day. Alternatively, please phone or email the office to arrange an appointment at a convenient time.

I am looking forward to getting to know the children further and cannot wait to start this busy and exciting term ahead.

Mr. Harvey