



# Happy New Year!

Year 1: Mrs Cook

Spring Term 2023

Happy New Year to all of the parents and children of Year 1! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for another exciting term.

At the heart of our RE learning this term:

- **Special People**

We will recognise that we are surrounded by people who love and care for us. We will learn that there are people who have special roles within our parish. We will also learn why Jesus is a very special person in all of our families.

- **Meals**

We will explore how the parish family gathers for the Eucharistic Feast. We will retell the story of the **Last Supper** and learn about the importance of Holy Communion during the Mass.

- **Change**

During Lent we will learn that during this time we reflect on life and change. We will retell the story of **Palm Sunday** and find out why we celebrate this special day in church.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Swimming:**  
Every Monday
- **FS/KS1 Talent Show:** 3rd February
- **INSET Day:** 10th February
- **World Book Day:** 2nd March
- **Parent's Consultations:** 22nd & 23rd March

## Play, Learn, Explore

This term we will be going on an exciting journey of discovery. Our topic this term is called **Play, Learn, Explore - Where will this term take you?**

Year 1 will start their learning journey by observing the changing weather as we prepare for the changing seasons of winter into spring. The children will observe weather conditions and begin to find out about climate change.

In science we will learn to name and identify a variety of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will discover what animals like to eat and compare them. The children will also name human body parts and begin to investigate their senses.

We will then continue our learning about animals by designing and making our own animal puppets as part of our D&T learning. We will learn how to stitch pieces of fabric together and add other materials in a variety of ways.

The children will use their historical enquiry skills to find out why Mary Seacole is a special person from the past. The children will learn about her greatest achievements and why she is remembered today.

We will then create our own sculptures of

Mary Seacole during our art lessons. We will look at the work of Augusta Savage for inspiration and discover why she is a famous artist remembered today.

Our PE lessons are very exciting this term. We will be going swimming every Monday, team building during lunch times and taking part in invasion games outside.

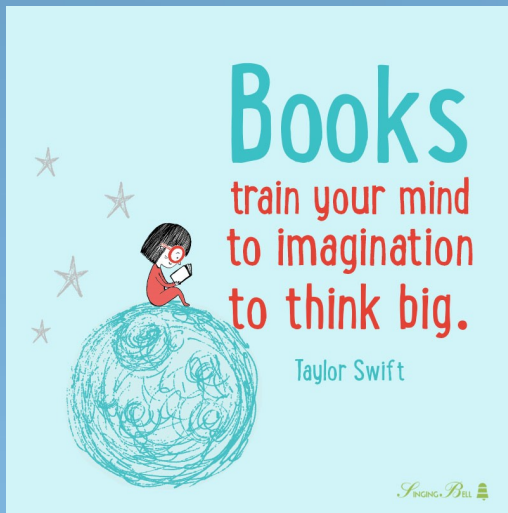
On Thursdays we will enjoy taking part in music lessons where we will learn about beats, pulse, rhythm and dynamics. We will experiment with a range of musical instruments throughout the term.

Year 1 children will continue to use Talk for Writing strategies to retell our own versions of Jeanne Willis' **'Tadpole's Promise'** and Sarah Roberts' **'Someone Swallowed Stanley.'**

The children will continue to develop their mathematical knowledge through topics on addition and subtraction, place value to 50 and measuring. They will complete regular problem solving challenges and use their reasoning skills when explaining their thinking.

This term is going to be a very busy but very exciting one. We can't wait to get started!





## PE

Kit: Outdoor PE kits must be in school for the whole half term. PE kits should include a plain white t-shirt, black plimsoles or trainers, leggings or jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt or hoodie.

Swimming: Swimming kits are needed every Monday. This should include:

A towel, swimming costume, shorts or trunks. All earrings must be removed before the children enter the water. They will not be permitted to swim if they are wearing earrings.

If your child would like to wear goggles during swimming lessons, please send a signed note stating that you give permission for them to wear them. This is a requirement of the swimming teachers.

Earrings: Due to health and safety reasons, earrings **must** also be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

Please label all items of kit. We have a lot of lost property in Y1. We can easily return named items.

## Reading Books

Please continue to listen to your child read **everyday** and write a comment in the reading record.

Children should bring in their reading books everyday. We have regular guided reading sessions and volunteers who listen to the children read. It is important that we can record this in their records.

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

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 see me to arrange an appointment at a convenient time.

*I am looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead!*

**Mrs Cook**

