



Welcome Back Y1

Year 1: Mrs Cook

Summer Term 2023

Welcome back to all of the parents and children of Year 1! I hope that you all had a relaxing Easter holiday and are ready for another exciting term.

At the heart of our RE learning this term:

- **Holidays and Holydays**

Where we will explore why holidays are special to us and consider the importance of Holydays in the church calendar.

- **Being Sorry**

Where we will be learning to make good choices regarding looking after our world and how we treat God's creatures.

- **Neighbours**

Where we will question 'who is our neighbour?' and think about our neighbours around the world, including all of the animals and insects.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Swimming:**
Tuesday 18th
and 25th April
- **Bank Holiday**
1st May
- **Bank Holiday**
8th May
- **KS1 Sports Day**
17th May 2pm
- **Mass**
18th May
9:30am
- **First Holy Communion Liturgy**
25th May
2:15pm
- **KS1 Disco**
24th May
3:30pm
- **KS1 Class Mass**
9th June 9am

Bloom and Blossom: How will you grow this term?

This term we will be going on an exciting journey of discovery. Our topic is called **Bloom and Blossom: How will you grow this term?**

Year 1 will start their learning journey by continuing to look for signs of spring, growth and new life in our outdoor areas. We will plant flowers and seeds and watch them grown as we nurture them. We will observe what plants need to grow and flourish through a range of scientific investigations.

Our geography work will take us all the way to India as we learn about the tropical climate and monsoons. We will compare this to the weather we have experienced in the UK. The children will learn about life in India and think about similarities and differences to life in Nottingham.

We will continue this learning in our art lessons as we find out about Rangoli patterns and their significance in Indian culture. The children will learn about the importance of colour in these patterns and create their own using a variety of materials.

In D&T we will learn about food and nutrition as we find out more about healthy diets. We will taste a number of vegetables as we prepare to make our own vegetable curry.

In RE we will be learning about the faith of Hinduism. The children will get the opportunity to interview a member of the Hindu faith in order to find out more about this religion.

We will use our enquiry skills to find out about sea side holidays and how they have changed over the last 100 years. We will talk about our experiences of sea side holidays and how they compare to holidays from long ago.

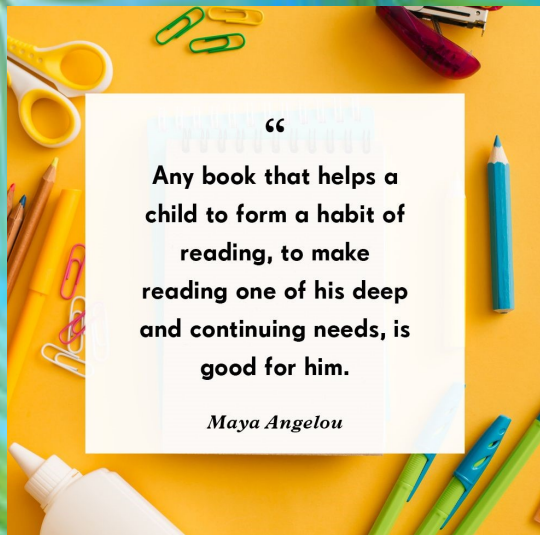
Our PE lessons are very exciting this term. We will finish our swimming lessons and begin preparing for Sports Day. We will also be taking part in gymnastic lessons with Mrs Bathgate. .

Year 1 children will continue to use Talk for Writing strategies to retell our own versions of 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We will also write instruction texts for how to grow a bean and read a range of non fiction texts linked to our learning.

The children will continue to develop their mathematical knowledge through topics on multiplication and division, place value, fractions and time. 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. Children will need to wear a white t-shirt and black shorts for gymnastics lessons each week.

PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** this term.

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**.

Homework:

Year 1 children will bring home phonics and handwriting homework each week this term. Please support your child to complete these short activities.

Handwriting books will be sent home with letter formation to complete. Please ensure that your child is forming each letter correctly as Year 1 pupils should be able to form all letters correctly by the end of Year 1. Please return these books on **Monday** so that the next set of letters can be set.

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