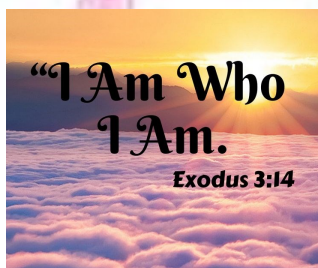




# Happy New Year!

Year 1: Miss Swaby

Spring Term



I would like to wish all of the families and children of Year 1 a very happy new year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to another exciting term!

RE is always at the heart of our learning. This term our RE topics are the following:

- **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.

## Diary Dates:

### Year 1 Assembly :

2nd February 9:05am

### KS2 Talent Show:

7th February 2pm

### KS1/FS Talent Show:

8th February 9:30am

### Half Term:

12th February-

16th February

### Twycross Zoo:

12th March

### Ash Wednesday Mass:

14th March

### Parent Consultations:

19th March

20th March

### Last Supper

Mass: 28th March  
10am

### Last day of Term:

28th March

## Choose Courage Over Fear

The whole school theme for this year continues to be 'I Am who I Am'. Our Class theme for this term is 'Choose Courage Over Fear: How will you let your spirit shine this term?'. Within this, we will be exploring how we can allow our curiosity and creativity to shine through all we do.

Year 1 will start their journey by learning about the 'Great Fire of London'. We will learn about the events that resulted in such a disaster, how the fire started and why it was so difficult to put out. We will find out who Samuel Pepys was and why he was so important. We will also look at how people lived in 1666 and how this is different to modern-day living.

We will then focus on 'Hot and Cold Places' in the world. We will continue to practice using atlases and globes to identify these places and find out what is different about them and why.

In D&T sessions, we are learning about axels. We will use this knowledge to create carts inspired by the carts used to move water to put out the Great Fire of London in 1666.

In art, we will be focusing on 'Sakiri Douglas Camp'. We will discover what mattered to her and how she expressed this through the art she created. We will experiment with wire to create our own sculptures, which we will link to the Great Fire of London.

Our science lessons will focus on animals, including humans. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between humans and other animals and categorising and grouping animals. We will deepen our understanding of this by taking a visit to Twycross Zoo! We will also continue our work on seasons as we carry out some investigations surrounding the changing weather.



Our English lessons will be full of exciting opportunities to learn more about the oceans as we dive in with our book 'Someone Swallowed Stanley'.

We will be retelling the story and then creating our own story inspired by this one. We will then move on to look at 'Tadpole's Promise' where we will be learning more about life cycles. We will also be looking at poetry and non-fiction writing this term as we write a non-chronological report.



During weekly computing sessions, we will continue to learn how to stay safe online and begin to log in to the PCs and select programs. We will also continue to learn typing skills and begin to learn some word-processing skills!

Our maths focus for this term is 'number and place values within 20 and 50', 'adding and subtracting to 20', and we will finish the term by looking at 'Mass and Volume' and 'Height and Length'. We will also continue to carry out our weekly arithmetic sessions to boost our maths fluency!

Our Becket music teachers will continue to join us as we deepen our learning about beat, rhythm and tempo.

This term is going to be packed full of opportunities and so much exciting learning. We can't wait to get started!

### Homework

Homework tasks will be given out every Friday. 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 consolidate our learning in the classroom. Spelling tests will take place on **Thursdays**.

Mathletics and Numbots logins are in your child's reading record.

### Notices:

**Uniform** - 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. Year 1 must wear a button down blouse or shirt, with a tie, unless they are wearing a summer dress. Trainers are not allowed, children are expected to wear school appropriate shoes.

**Reminder**—Mrs Head will teach Year 1 on Mondays.

### 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 their 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 daily guided reading sessions and volunteers who listen to the children read.

Inside each reading record is a list of Year 1 common exception words. 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.

Reading books will be changed every **Tuesday**.

### PE

**Kit:** PE kits must be brought into school on Monday, If you take them home to wash, please ensure they come back to school. All earrings and Jewelry must be removed for PE lessons. If children are unable to do this independently then please remove them before the school day.

#### **Wednesday — Fundamentals (inside)**

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

**Friday– Athletics (outside)** During cold weather children should wear trainers or plimsoles, plain joggings bottoms or leggings and a plain sweatshirt or hoodie.

During the warmer months children should wear a white t-shirt and black shorts.

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

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 stuck into what I am sure will be another busy and exciting term!*

*Miss Swaby*