



Welcome to Year 1!

Mrs Cook

Autumn Term 2024

I would like to wish all of the parents and children of Year 1 a very warm welcome! I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for an exciting and busy school year.

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

- **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 cares for 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.

- **Judaism**

We will learn about Moses and why he is so important to the Jewish faith.

Stewards of the Earth; Guardians of God's Gifts.

This year, '**Stewards of the Earth, Guardians of God's Gifts**' is our exciting overarching whole school theme. Throughout the year we will encourage the children to think about God's gifts and how we can look after them.

Year 1 will launch their year by considering the question '**How will you spread your gifts?**' We will spend time learning about our gifts and talents, building relationships and getting to know each other.

During history lessons, we will find out who **Guy Fawkes** was and the legacy of the Gunpowder Plot. We will become detectives as we investigate historical sources in order to answer our questions.

In geography, we will learn about the countries that make up the **United Kingdom**. We will find out about the capital cities, flags and famous landmarks of each country. We will label maps and share our knowledge with each other.

Our science lessons will focus on **everyday materials**. We will learn to distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. We will describe and categorise materials, explaining reasons for our groupings. We will also investigate suitable materials for building as we learn more about the Houses of Parliament. We will also become weather detectives as we learn about the changing seasons.

Our art skills will be developed as we learn about the artist **Joan Miro**. We will learn about the impact

that lines and shapes has on a piece of art and why it was so important to Joan Miro. We will explore his self portraits and use his as inspiration for our own.

We will take part in 2 PE sessions per week. We will choreograph a number of dances with Mrs Bathgate and team building and fitness with Mrs Cook.

In D&T, we will learn about mechanisms as we learn about sliders and levers. We will create our own moving pictures after exploring how they work.

Our English lessons will be full of exciting opportunities to explore the story of the Three Little Pigs in great detail. We will learn to retell this story with the help of Talk for Writing techniques. Our focus for the term will be handwriting, capital letters and full stops and writing in full sentences.

Our maths focus for this term is number and place value to 10 and 20, adding and subtracting to 10 and 2D and 3D shape.

We will also enjoy exploring Nottingham Castle and the art galleries. We will visit the Kaleidoscope exhibition to find out more about colour.

This term is going to be packed full of getting to know each other, adventures and lots of exciting opportunities and learning. We can't wait to get started!

Diary Dates:

Mass of Welcome:

18th September 2pm

KS1 Castle Visit:

25th September

Parent Consultations:

8th and 9th October

Mental Health Day:

10th October

Harvest Mass:

16th October 2pm

Half Term:

**21st October -
1st November**

World Youth Day:

22nd November

Year 1 Nativity:

9th December 2:30pm

Christmas Jumper Day/ Carols Around the Tree:

17th December

"A NEW
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AND NEW
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Homework

Homework tasks will be provided each **Wednesday**. Children will be given spellings to learn each week along with a maths task or mini project.

Please support your child in these tasks as they will feed into our learning in the classroom.

Notices:

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

Uniform - Please ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name.

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 regular guided reading sessions and may record a comment in the reading record.

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PE

Kit: Please make sure that all PE items are labelled clearly. Due to health and safety reasons, all earrings must be removed for PE lessons. If children are unable to do this independently then please remove them before the school day.

Dance (Inside) Friday

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

Ball Skills (Outside) Wednesday

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

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 and can't wait to start this busy and exciting term ahead!

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