

Hand in hand with Jesus Christ we live, love and learn together.

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to embark on a very exciting journey this term in Year 1! We will be covering some wonderful topics which we know will excite you and your child.

RE

We will cover three topics in RE this term. We will start with our topic on Families. The children will explore how we are all part of a family and how God loves and cares for each and every one of us. Our next topic is called Belonging where the children will learn about Baptism. We may ask the children to bring in photos and items from their own Baptism. The final topic we will cover is waiting. The children will investigate Advent and recognise that this is a time of waiting for Christmas.

English

Throughout our English topic this term we will be focusing on the Phase 3/4 phonemes. Each week we will focus on a new sound and the children will receive a piece of spelling homework to support the work they have done that week. At home we would encourage you to help your child to spot some objects that contain that sound. To support this phonics work, we will be using the songbirds phonics books in school.



This term we will also be focusing on the book Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis. We will be exploring the characters of the story and the children will describe the features of the Bog Baby and where he lives.

We will begin to work on Capital letters and full stops. Linked with this we will be doing lots of practice on the correct letter formation. It would be greatly appreciated if you could revise writing upper and lower case letters with your child at home.

Another focus this term will be the Year 1 common exception words. We will check which words your child knows on a regular basis every 2-3 weeks. Work around this will be ongoing in school. You will be given a list

Important Dates:

6.9.2017 : Return to school

13.9.17 : Introduction to Year 1 meeting 3:30 pm

14.9.17 : Individual children's photos

22.9.2017: School Disco 2:00-3:00 pm

26.9.2017: European day of languages

17.10.2017: Parents Evening 3:40 pm—6:40 pm

18.10.2017: Parents Evening 3:40-6:40 pm

20.10.2017: INSET Day

23.10.2017: Half-Term

22.11.2017: Year 1 visit to Newstead Abbey

27.11.2017: Flu Immunisations

27.11.2017: Enterprise Week

1.12.2017: Frost Fair 2:00-4:00pm

12.12.2017: 1E Christmas celebration 9:30 am

13.12.2017 : 1C Christmas celebration 9:30 am

19.12.2017: Art Day

22.12.2017: Christmas Break

8.1.2018: Return to school

Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be returned **every Thursday**. This will include a Spelling sheet and also be a Maths sheet. At the beginning of an RE topic we will send the Explore part home. Spelling tests will be conducted every Friday. Pink slips with the results will be given out on the following Monday.

Your child will be allocated a reading day in school. Their books will be changed on this day only. **Please ensure your child returns their books with a signed diary in order to receive new books.**

REMINDER

PE Days are Thursday for the first half term which will be outdoors.

After half-term they will need their indoor PE kit for dance. If your child is chosen to attend the weekly allotment club, please ensure that they bring wellies and a suitable jacket with them on the day.

We will be organising for the children to visit Newstead Abbey on **22.11.2017**. The children will be required to dress up as a traditional Victorian child. Information will be sent out closer to the date enclosing more details.

If any parents wish to support further in school, and have an hour to spare through the week, teachers across the school (not your child's class) are always looking for help.

Please speak to any of the class teachers to organise this.

Within **Science** the children will be identifying, labelling and comparing common animals including carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They will also be exploring how to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and day which part of the body is associated with each sense.

During our **Geography** topic we will be using the book *Meerkat Mail* by Emily Gravett to explore hot and cold areas of our world. The children will discuss, recognise and record the location of these areas around the world. They will also observe our weather associated with the seasons.



Linked to the exploration of common animals the children will be designing their own bird feeder in **Design & Technology**. As part of our **Art** topic the children will be concentrating on creating simple portraits.

The children will have the opportunity to work in our **Computing** suite this term. The focus of this term will be on keyboard skills. They will practice how to type their full name and surname.

Maths

This term sees the children cover the following topics.

Number and Place value within 20: Children will be engaging in many activities including:

- Sorting and counting of objects
- Count, read and write the words for these numbers
- Comparing and ordering of numbers

Addition and Subtraction:

- Fact families
- Taking away and finding the difference

Geometry:

- Recognising, naming and sorting 2D shapes