



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



Welcome to Year 1!

Dear Parents, carers and children,

We would like to warmly welcome you and your families to Year 1

We look forward to getting to know you and your children this year.

Your children are at the heart of everything that we do. They will be given lots of opportunities to consolidate learning and development. We understand each child is unique and will reach milestones at different times.

Please familiarise yourselves with the housekeeping for the coming year. If you have any questions, our door is always open.

Year 1 Curriculum Themes

Autumn Term

The term will begin with our theme '**Creation and Covenant**'. As part of this, we will focus on a Science based topic about living things including humans.

After half term our theme will be '**Prophecy and Promise**' where we will focus on writing a recount of the Christmas Story. Throughout our Geography unit we will look at the countries making up the United Kingdom.

Spring Term

During the Spring Term, the children eagerly learn lots of exciting, new things when we begin our focus of '**Journey to Galilee**'. They will develop their research skills through a range of sources to explore Hot and Cold Places in the world and in history they will learn about and sequence the events of The Great Fire of London.

A performance is planned during the Spring term— details of this will follow nearer the time.

Spring 2 is time to join the '**Desert to Garden**'. We will begin to learn how to group animals into their classification groups and be able to recognise their characteristics.



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Summer Term

The Summer Term theme is '*To the Ends of the Earth*'. The children will name and identify a variety of common wild and garden flowers as well as looking at deciduous and evergreen trees. They will have the opportunity to plant and observe the changes that occur as we pass through the seasons. We will also explore our Titanic topic within History.



Classes 3 & 4 will have PE sessions on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

We would like the children to come *into school* in their full school PE kit on these days, with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers or black pumps should be worn with their PE kit.



Spellings

Please find attached our spelling list, which will be tested every Friday, except on INSET days, when tests will occur on Thursdays. Spelling books will go home each Friday – to be returned the following Monday.

Reading

Each Wednesday, your child will be allocated a reading book electronically on Bug Club (Active Learn). The book will contain the phonemes learnt in Phonics lessons for that week and will be fully decodable.

To develop comprehension skills, look for the 'Bug' icon at the beginning and end of the book and answer the questions. For healthy competition, children can earn rewards depending on how often they have read. Additionally, ask your child questions about what they have just read such as: Who? What? Where? Why? How?

Maths

Your child will be set a maths game/quiz each Wednesday on MathsShed which is to be completed before the following Wednesday.

- Maths tasks (on Maths Shed)
- Spellings (linked to Phonics)



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Equipment for Year 1

School uniform, book bags and coats should all be clearly labelled, please!

Please provide one of our school book bags for your child.

Colouring books and pencil cases for wet play are welcomed, however we are not accountable for any missing items.

Please send in water bottles every day.



Communication

It is extremely important for the staff, parents and children to build up a partnership in September.

We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers and emails for important reminders.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us through the school office. We care greatly about your child and appreciate your continued support.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Staff