

## Year One - Autumn 2 curriculum letter 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the half term break. The following letter is to inform you about our new topic areas that we will be covering up to Christmas. Overleaf you will find a topic web to show how the subjects link together. As you can imagine, as well as being busy with our new topics, we will be fitting in lots of exciting Christmas activities too!

We are returning to a Christmas concert in the hall, which I will tell you more about as and when the details are finalised.

We will also be 'Remembering' and thinking about the First and Second World War during the first couple of weeks in November - how important the sacrifices were of the soldiers, their families, and their impact for future generations. We will mark this occasion with some poppy art.

### Come and See

We continue with our topic on '*Belonging*', which helps the children to understand the importance of belonging to different social groups and about being baptised into the church family.

"*Waiting*", is our topic that leads us through Advent and to the events that took place on Christmas Day.

We will also celebrate the Jewish Faith to teach the children about other faiths during a special week in school.

History: This is our lead topic for this half term; we will be looking at simple timelines to help us to understand when The Great Fire of London took place. We will find out where London is on the map of the UK and look to see how it has changed. We will study historical sources, find out about Samuel Pepys and the impact that the Great fire of London had on rebuilding the city for future generations.

**Reading books - Monday and Thursday.** Please send your child with their school reading book on these 2 days. If you could fill in the comments about your child's reading on Seesaw, this helps us to see who has read their book and then Mrs Grayken can change them regularly and in line with their learning in phonics.

Phonics: We read every day in our small phonics groups, using the Read, Write Inc programme, so children are constantly building on their variety of reading experiences. Please help your child with their phonics homework - it is of utmost importance to them that they can become fluent readers to access the rest of the curriculum.

Spellings: Thank you for your support in helping your child learn their spellings. Spelling tests take place on a Friday morning and new spellings sent home via Seesaw for the following week. Everyone seems to be getting used to this system - all homework activities will be uploaded via the Seesaw platform.

Snacks: Please ensure that your child brings a healthy snack Mon - Thurs, or school toast if that is what you have chosen. One item is sufficient. On Friday, a small treat is permitted. Fruit is provided in school every afternoon playtime.

PE: We will continue to wear our PE clothes on a Thursday. Please do keep practising independent dressing skills, reversing of a jumper, button-fastening, zips on coats and fastening shoelaces (although Velcro fastenings at this stage are encouraged).

*I hope you find the above information useful. Please let me know if you have any questions about your child or their learning. Thank you,*

*Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Grandi*