



Year 1 Autumn Newsletter 2023



Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

We would like to introduce you to the Year One teaching team:

St. Catherine's - Mrs Stone (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and Mrs Pye (Tuesday).



St. Martin's - Miss Minhas (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Doyle (Thursday and Friday).

Support staff- Mrs Ridge, Mrs Doyle (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Piper (Thursday and Friday).

The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag which should have your reading book, reading record and a water bottle (no juice please). Remember to also bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners).

Below is an outline of what we will be learning with the children in this autumn term:

Subject	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
English	Fiction and Poetry work will be based on the stories of 'Ruby's Worry', 'Beegu' and 'The Three Little Pigs'.	Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry work will be based on the stories of 'Dogger' and 'Traction Man'.
Maths	Place Value of numbers within 20, and Addition and Subtraction.	2D and 3D shape, Position and Direction, Place Value of numbers.
RE	<p>Families - Learning about why we have a family and who is in our family. Including learning about how Jesus is part of our family.</p> 	<p>Belonging - Learning about what it means to belong to a special group. Then moving on to learning about baptisms and the significance of them.</p> 
Topic	Our School - Learning about our local area. We will be learning how to use Google Maps and will learn how to create maps (a picture from an aerial point of view).	Toys - Looking at how toys from the past differ from the toys we play with now. We will also be designing and making puppets.

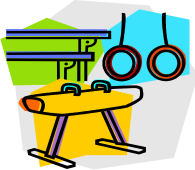
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My Week at School - Each week you will be able to view information about your child's 'Week at School'. This will be sent out via Schoolcomms. The document will inform you each week of the different learning activities the children will be doing in Year 1.

Reading

Our expectations are for children to read a least 5 times each week. When the children have read a set amount of times they will receive a certificate and reward in Achievement Assembly. Please refer to the Reading Letter that you will receive in your child's reading folder. Children in Year 1 will change their books on a Thursday. They will select 2 books to bring home each week. Please ensure that your child's reading books are in their book bag every day.

P.E days



Year 1's PE days are on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on that day. As the weather can be very changeable in the autumn term, children can wear their PE tracksuits with their shorts and house colour t-shirt underneath. Children are to wear trainers on this day. Velcro trainers are easier for the children than laces.

Homework

English - Spelling homework can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app). This will begin **after the October half term.**

Maths - Maths homework can be found on Maths Shed via <https://www.edshed.com/> .

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RE - Please complete the Gospel page in the Reading Record each week.

CLC - One piece of CLC homework is to be completed each half term. A document with a variety of activities will be sent out each half term. CLC homework is something that should have time and care put into it. It is a nice chance to complete a project with your child as a family. **Year 1's CLC homework will begin in Autumn 2.**

Important dates

Friday 29th September - Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 5th October - Harvest Mass

Friday 13th October - Wellbeing Day - Non-Uniform

Monday 16th October - Parents' Evening (St. Catherine's & St. Martin's)

Wednesday 18th October - Parents' Evening (St. Catherine's)

Thursday 19th October - Parents' Evening (St. Martin's) & International Day

Friday 20th October - St. Ursula's Day Mass

October Half-Term Holidays - w/c 23.10.23 - 29.10.23

Wednesday 1st November - All Saints Mass

Friday 3rd November - Parent Coffee Morning

Wednesday 8th November - Year 1 Remembrance Day Assembly

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Thursday 9th November - Remembrance Day Mass

Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day

Friday 24th November - Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 1st December - Advent Penitential Mass

Thursday 7th December - Celebration Afternoon and End of Term Reports

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity

Monday 18th December - INSET DAY

Tuesday 19th December - INSET DAY

We all look forward to the year ahead and encourage you to email the school office if there is anything you are not sure of.

Kind regards,

The Year One Team



Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!