

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS Autumn 2020

Welcome back to St. Ursula's after a very long absence! We hope that you all stayed safe and managed to enjoy some family time during our time away from school. We are so pleased to have you back and are excited about all of our learning for the Autumn Term!

Year 1 staff: St. Martin's class teacher is Miss Camilleri, St. Catherine's class teacher is Miss Minhas. The Year 1 Teaching Assistants are Mrs Ridge, Mrs Sena, Mrs Heavey and Miss Ullah.

Homework

Reading. - <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Now that the children have returned to school, we need to make sure that they are reading regularly. As we are currently unable to send books home, we will continue to use Bug Club to ensure that children have enough books allocated so that they can read **every day** as part of their daily activities. Children should be reading at home at least **10 minutes a day** and answering questions to show their understanding.

Maths homework – To be introduced after October Half Term

Our new Maths homework will be set using 'Maths Factor'. This can be accessed using the same login that is used to access Bug Club, which can be found on the Active Learn website: <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>. Within 'Maths Factor' the children complete sessions, which comprise of a video lesson, warm up and practice session. We expect all children in KS1 to be completing at least 1 session a week on Maths Factor.

Spelling homework – To be introduced after October Half Term

Spelling homework will be set using 'Spelling Shed', which can be found at <https://www.edshed.com/>. Your child will be set a weekly spelling list; the lists will be changed on a Friday.

P.E days

St Martin's will have P.E on a Wednesday and St. Catherine's P.E day will be Tuesday. Please ensure that your child wears a full P.E Kit to school on these days.



CLC topics covered this Spring Term:

Our two creative curriculum topics for spring are topics are designed to cover Geography, History, Art, D&T and Music whilst drawing on children's maths and literacy skills. Any research or work that children would like to bring in to school from home will be proudly displayed in class as part of our topic work and shared with everyone in the class.

Autumn 1: What Toys Did children play with in the Past? (learning about old and new toys and how they have changed throughout time.)

Autumn 2: Where is our school? (learning about our Local Area).

R.E. Topics for Autumn term:

- **Families:** Why do we have a family and who is in my family?
- **Judaism:** Who were Abraham and Moses?
- **Baptism:** What does it mean to belong?
- **Change:** Is waiting always difficult?

Key Dates for Autumn Term can be found on the school website.