

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 1 Autumn 2024 Newsletter



I very much hope you have all had a lovely, restful summer break and that you and your family have managed to enjoy some sunny adventures together. We are so pleased to welcome the children back for the start of the new school year. Each term, we will be sending out an information leaflet similar to this one, which will provide you with details of our upcoming learning. Year 1 will also be ably supported by Mrs Miller and Mrs Porter. We very much look forward to working with you and your children during their time in Year 1.

Maths

Our main focus in the first half term will be the concept of numbers up to 20. We will be exploring and reasoning about number whilst investigating ways of representing and manipulating numbers using a range of practical resources. This crucial learning will give the vital understanding needed to move onto calculation strategies in the second half term.



English

This term we will focus two different books which will help us explore both character and setting developments. These texts will also allow us to explore both fiction and non-fiction writing. The illustrations are brilliant stimulus to engage the children and encourage their imaginations to run free. The children will also have daily phonics lessons and be read with each week.



Science

Magical Materials involves exploring different materials, how they can be sorted, classified and used. We will also look at how their properties allow them to be changed. The children will then have opportunity to apply this knowledge in exciting, practical tasks. In the second half of term, we will deepen our knowledge of the seasons, particularly focusing on the changes from autumn to winter.



History/Geography

We will alternate History and Geography each half term in year one. Our History topic is an Introduction to Time, looking at the sequencing of time. In Autumn 2, our Geography topic involves identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom which ties with our science topic.

Relationships and Health Education (Jigsaw)

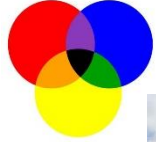
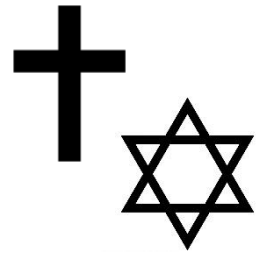
In Year 1, we will be using our excellent Jigsaw scheme of work, starting with "Being Me", exploring who we are - what makes us the same and what makes us special. We will then move onto "Celebrating Difference" and what we can learn from each other.



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R.E.

In R.E. we will be exploring the question 'Why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?' We will explore Christianity, baptism and the Church. In Autumn 2, we will look at Judaism and answer 'Why is learning to do good deeds important to Jewish people?' by understanding Mitzvot and Tzedakah.



Art and D.T.

Art and DT will be alternated each half term. In the first part of the Autumn term, the children be learning about primary and secondary colours, colour mixing techniques and applying these in painting and printing. In the second half term, the children will be making a windmill by following certain design criteria. They will also have to evaluate and improve their windmills at the end of the project.

PE

The children will have PE on **Monday** and **Friday** every week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on those days. This term children will be improving their dance moves, playing a range of games, being gymnasts and practicing sending and receiving balls. Please ensure your child has a named jumper and either leggings or jogging bottoms as the weather changes and we will be outside for some of our lessons.



Computing

Purple Mash is our brilliant Computing scheme and we will be working on accessing online tools safely and learning how to use a keyboard and login system. In Autumn 2 be looking at other technology used in and outside school.

Music

Using our music scheme, Charanga, we will learn key terminology, explore instruments and enjoy singing songs.



Further information:

Reading Books: Your children's books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday** but we do encourage repeat reading of texts, as this has shown to build excellent fluency in children. Please do record your child's reading on **Boom Reader**, it is key for us when reading and changing your child's book. When recording your child's school book please log this as a 'reading book' not a 'home book'.

Homework: The focus of home learning this year is reading, spelling and number facts. Please see the attached document for further information on expectations around this. An additional **OPTIONAL** homework grid for this term is also available.

Healthy snacks will be provided for the children's break time daily. Please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. Please could **all uniform and bags be clearly named** to help us re-unite lost items.

We are looking forward to another brilliant term and would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in everything we do.

Mrs Loft, Mrs Miller, and Mrs Porter

