

## KS1 Half Termly Curriculum Overview

### Year 1 2014/2015 - Spring 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. I hope that you all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and would like to wish you a happy new year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind gifts card and messages. For this half term I am pleased to provide you with information about what the children will be covering in the different subjects. We are continuing with the new curriculum this academic year. If you wish to know more about it visit the DfE website, the school website or speak with me or with our Curriculum leader Miss Morris.

#### Catholic life of the school

Each Friday two classes will join with the parish to celebrate Mass at 9am. Year 1 and Year 5 will join the parish next half term. Please look out for dates on the weekly newsletter.

The Wednesday Word is available for every child to take home every Wednesday. Please look out for this and share it with your child. Additional copies are available at the school office.

Also this term the children will be involved in charity work during Lent. We will be taking part in fundraising activities and raising awareness of local charities through the Good Shepherd Appeal for Nugent Care. We will also be raising funds for 'Mission Together' which supports international charity work.

Look out for further updates on community/parish/school life on our weekly newsletter.

#### Healthy School Initiative

As part of the healthy school initiative, we will continue to encourage the children to be active at playtimes. Children will be encouraged to drink water throughout the day; therefore it is important that the children have their bottles in everyday! It makes it easier for the children if the bottles have a sports top, as it would prevent any unnecessary spillage.

Healthy snack days will continue to be Monday to Thursday and the children will be given the opportunity to eat their snacks during morning playtimes.

#### Information and dates to remember

Parents Evening - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
3:30pm - 6pm (school closes at 3pm) and  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm - 8pm.

Mass- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February Y1 and Y5.

#### Homework information

- **English homework** will be given out on a Friday and is to be handed in the following Tuesday.

- **Spellings** will be given out on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday, in addition to a focus on the children embedding their spellings into their written work.

- **Maths homework** will be given out on a Tuesday and is to be handed in on Friday of the same week.

- Each child should read for a minimum of 15 minutes per night and complete their reading records.

#### Concerns and messages

If you have any concerns or problems, please do not hesitate to come in and see me at the end of the school day. Any messages in the morning must be left with a Teaching Assistant on the Infant door and they will be passed directly to me that morning.

## Year 1

### General Class Information

#### Maths

In Year 1 the children have a weekly mental maths test. These questions encompass number bonds, addition and subtraction, doubling and halving, shape and measures.

To help your child, please work on rehearsing counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as knowing the 2s, 5s and 10s times tables.

The children need to be secure in knowing number order forwards and backwards and place value.

#### Reading

In line with our school policy the children will develop their reading in class throughout the week through shared reading and guided reading sessions and I shall be monitoring their reading progress carefully each week with my own records.

The reading records are for parents to record your child's reading at home. We ask all our Infant children to read for 15 minutes each night. Although I will be keeping my own record of your child's reading progress it would be really helpful if you could make comments in your child's reading record book each time they read, to let me know how they have coped with a book at home. Home reading records are checked and once a week their home reading is acknowledged and a target will be highlighted in the book.

If your child reads any other reading material as well as their reading book from school please also make a note of it in their reading record. The home reading record is also a good way to make contact with me if you wish to send me a message and cannot get into school.

This year as part of our new 3 year Improvement Plan, we are particularly focusing on 'Reading'. As well as our reading activities in class, we ask that in addition to hearing your child read, you share books and read to them and explore the pleasure of reading with your child.

The school continues to run an early doors reading club (£2) 8am - 8:45am each morning and reading clubs at lunch time.

#### Collective Worship

In class the children will continue to plan and lead Collective Worship Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

They will also take part in a whole school Collective Worship every Monday to start the week and end the week with a Key Stage assembly or link with the parish for a Mass celebration with their partner class.



**RE - Spring 1 topics****Special People**

The children will learn that:

- There are special people in our lives who are there to help.
- On Sunday in church, we meet people who do special jobs as we gather to celebrate the Good News of Jesus.

**Meals**

In this topic the children will:

- Recognise that families and groups share special meals.
- Recognise Mass as Jesus' special meal.

**English****Reading**

- Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words.
- Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes.
- Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught.
- Read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.
- Read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er and -est endings.
- Read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words.
- Re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.

**Writing**

- Saying out loud what they are going to write about.
- Composing a sentence orally before writing it.
- Sequencing sentences to form short narratives.
- Re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense.
- Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils.

**Spelling**

- All letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent.
- Consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent.
- Vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent.
- The process of segmenting spoken words into sounds before choosing graphemes to represent the sounds.

**Science**

This half term, we will be recapping our Autumn 2 topic "**Why does it get darker?**", to link in with our non-fiction books on nocturnal animals, and also our Art topic "**Starry, starry night**".

In this topic we will:

- Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

**Mathematics****Number**

- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number.
- Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of twos, fives and tens.
- Given a number, identify one more and one less.
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.
- Read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words.

**Addition and Subtraction**

- Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs.
- Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.
- Add and subtract one digit and two digit numbers to 20, including zero.
- Solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems.

**Multiplication and division**

- Solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher.

**Measurement**

- Measure and begin to record the following:
  - lengths and heights
  - mass/weight
  - capacity and volume.

Art and Design"Starry, starry night" by Vincent Van Gogh

We will look at "Starry, Starry night" and discuss the painting - how it makes us feel and what we like/dislike about it. Using paint and collage, we will attempt to recreate the painting!

The children will:

- Find out about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers.
- Describe the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and make links to their own work.

PSHCE Good to be Me

This theme helps the children to:

- Develop their knowledge, understanding and skills of self-awareness.
- Manage their feelings and have empathy towards others.

Topic TitleGood to be me!Topic

This half term our topic has a geography focus.

What has changed since my Grandparents were young?

The children will discover how their everyday routines contrast with the everyday routines of parents and grandparents when they were aged 5 and 6.

The children will start to develop an awareness of:

- Changes within living memory.

Where appropriate, these changes should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life.

PE

The children will continue to develop their agility, balance and co-ordination, working as individuals and as part of a team.

They will:

- Participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.
- Master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching.
- Develop balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

MusicMake different sounds with voice and instruments

The children will:

- Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

Make a sequence of sounds

- Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.
- Listen and appreciate a range of music from around the world.

Computing

We will use "2 Simple" and other graphics programs to enable us to illustrate a book.

The children will:

- Use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.
- Recognise common uses of information technology beyond school.
- Use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help.