

Key Stage 1 Half Term Curriculum Overview

Year 1 2016/2017 - Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a restful break and are looking forward to the next half term. We are pleased to provide you with information about the exciting things we will be covering in the different subjects over the coming weeks. Kind Regards Mrs Gambles and Mrs Dix-Baker.

Catholic life of the school

On a Monday, we start the week by gathering together to reflect on the week ahead and pray together as a whole school, on Friday, we end the week coming together as a key stage, in assembly.

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

Each Thursday at 2.45pm, we hold a Celebration Assembly, when we celebrate the achievements of children from each class with parents, family and friends.

The children will also attend Mass as a whole school, as well as having the opportunity to have a class Mass either in Church or in their classrooms.

The Wednesday Word is available for each 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.

The children will also be performing their Christmas Nativity plays this half term.

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 Friday and the children will be given the opportunity to eat their snacks during morning playtimes.

Information and dates to remember

Tues 1st Nov – All Saints Day Mass, 9.30am in church
Thurs. 10th Nov. - Year 5, Rejoice assembly
Thurs 17th Nov – Judaism Day
Tues 13th Dec 9.30am- Year 1 & 2 Christmas production
Thurs 15th Dec 2pm- Year 1 & 2 Christmas production
Sun 11th Dec – Christmas Fair
Tues 20th Dec 2pm. Christingle Service
Wed 21st Dec School closes for Christmas Hols.

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 Monday.

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

Reading - 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 us 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 us that morning.

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Indoor PE: Tuesday - white polo shirt/plain t-shirt, royal blue shorts and indoor pumps

Outdoor PE: Wednesday - dark coloured, plain tracksuit tops, jogging pants and trainers will be needed.

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled and kits should be left in school all week.

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 we shall be monitoring their reading progress carefully each week with my own records.

The reading records are for parents to record their child's reading at home. We ask all our children to read for 15 minutes each night. Although we will be keeping our 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 us 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 us if you wish to send us a message and cannot get into school.

This year as part of our Improvement Plan, we are continuing to focus 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. Open to all!

How can you help?

Speaking and Listening

Talk with your child about things you are doing together. Explain new words and phrases and give your child words to use if s/he is struggling with an explanation. Always encourage your child to ask questions and listen to the answers.

Shared Reading

In addition to listening to your children read each night Shared Reading is a supportive way of reading with your child. It allows you to tackle more challenging books (with you reading most of the text) or to read old favourites (with your child doing most of the reading).

If you are reading a new book - always read it to your child first; then talk about the book, such as the characters, the setting and the ending etc. When your child is confident allow them to take over the reading of the book - but join in if they begin to stumble.

Writing

Encourage your child to engage in writing type play (making books, playing schools, writing plays) and always praise your child for any writing that they do. Always ask your child to read back to you what they have written. Where possible encourage your child to write invitations, birthday cards and thank you cards. Finally, if your child is worried about spelling encourage them to identify the first sound then break up (segment) and blend the word such as 'cat' is c-a-t. On the centre pages of your child's Reading Record you will find 'A Guide for the Reading Helper'. Here you will find a simple phonics overview and words to show the sounds made by each letter. Ensuring your child is using the correct sounds will assist segmenting and blending and the decoding of new words.

RE TopicsBelonging:

The children will learn about belonging to different groups and understand that Baptism is an invitation to belong to God's family.

Waiting:

The children will learn that advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for Jesus.

Judaism

The children will be learning about Judaism on 17th November, with a special speaker coming in to school to work with the children.

Please read the RE newsletter on the school website for more information about Religious Education.

Science - Animals Including Humans - Ourselves

- Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
- Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets).
- Work scientifically.

EnglishReading

- 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.
- Focus and genres: stories in familiar setting, labels, lists and signs, songs and repetitive poems

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.

MathematicsNumber

- 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 two, five and ten.
- Given a number, identify one more/ one less, and ten more/ten 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 such as $7 = \quad - 9$.

Shape, space and measures

- Recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including:
- 2-D shapes [for example, rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles].
- 3-D shapes [for example, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres].
- Measure and begin to record the following: mass and capacity.
- Time: o'clock and half past.

History*Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?*

- Find out about the history of the Tudor and Stuart monarchy in Britain.
- Understand where, when and why the Gunpowder Plot took place and who was involved.
- Use research skills to find out what Guy Fawkes may have worn and looked like.
- Sequence the key events of the Gunpowder Plot.
- Find out how the Gunpowder Plot is still remembered today.
- Reflect upon and evaluate what has been discovered about the Gunpowder Plot.

PSHCE*Friendship*

- Recognise qualities, behaviours and attitudes which are important in friendships and relationships.
- Respect similarities and differences in each other.
- Accept that others attitudes and values may be different to yours.
- Begin to recognise the range of human emotions and ways to deal with these.
- Recognise the difference between right and wrong in simple everyday situations.

Art and Design*Paper Art*

- Use a range of materials creatively to design and make products.
- Use sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.
- Develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.
- Learn about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.

Communities and Friendship

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, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

Computing*We are Celebrating*

- Develop basic keyboard skills, through typing and formatting.
- Develop basic mouse skills.
- Use the web to find and select images.
- Develop skills in storing and retrieving files.
- Develop skills in combining text and images.
- Discuss their work and think about whether it could be improved.

Music

Using the "Charanga" scheme, the children will be introduced to a variety of music styles. This half term, we will:

Make different sounds with voices and instruments

- 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.
- The children will be learning and practising songs for the Christmas play in addition to the music lessons.