



St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Christ at the heart of all we do

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

Welcome to Year 1!

Your child's teacher will be Miss Ratcliffe.

We have lots of wonderful things to look forward to during AUTUMN ONE.

RE

Our first unit in RE is titled 'Creation and Covenant'; Year 1 will be focusing on Creation. We will learn about the Christian belief that all that exists comes from God and why Christians call him the Father. We will recognise how the story of Creation is a story how God reveals His love and we will recognise that, although we cannot see God, we can experience the beauty of creation. We will also reflect on how the Church teaches how we can take care of the world, and we will reflect how Pope Francis expressed this in his 'Laudato Si'.

MATHS

Our area of focus in Maths to begin with will be place value. We will be counting within 10, including adding 1 more, counting backwards, calculating 1 less and learning to recognise numbers as words. We will develop our understanding of less than, greater than and equal to when comparing numbers and exploring number lines. We will then move on to learning about addition and subtraction within 10. We will develop our understanding of part-whole models and explore number bonds to 10. The children will also take part in Number Sense sessions each week, which are designed to strengthen children's fluency and ability to subitise (say 'how many' without counting).

ENGLISH

We begin Year 1 by following the 'Drawing Club' approach to reading and writing as a continuation from Early Years Foundation Stage, introducing Year 1 curriculum objectives with reading comprehension and writing. The approach encourages children to draw from their imagination inspired by different children's literature and to write about their ideas. We will use a new piece of children's literature each week, including poetry, fictional texts and non-fiction texts, as a hook to learn new skills and achieve each objective.

PHONICS

In Phonics for this half term we will begin with revising previously learnt graphemes, including: ai, ar, air, ee, ear, er, oa, oo (long), oo (short), igh, oi, ow, ur and or. We will also be reading and spelling previously learnt tricky words from Phases Two, Three and Four, as well as reading contractions with apostrophe 's' and words ending with -s, -est and -ed. We will then begin Phase Five by learning new graphemes, including ay, ou, ie, ea, oy, ir, aw, ue and ew, as well as learning to read and spell some Phase Five tricky words.

SCIENCE

In Science this Autumn term, we will be studying Animals including Humans, answering the question, 'Are all animals the same?' We will begin by considering the animals we already know and where you might find them. We will move onto exploring how animals are different and learning how we can group animals, including grouping by fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will classify and compare animals based on these groups. We will also explore the diets of a range of animals and learn how to classify animals as carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography we will be learning about our local area, answering the question, 'Where do I live?' We will be exploring our local area using maps, including maps of the school grounds, and identifying features and landmarks. We will be identifying human and physical geography in our local town and we will be mapping our route to school.

Art

In Art, we will be developing our skills in drawing. We will be using different drawing tools and learning new skills such as continuous line drawing, backwards forwards drawing and mark making.

P.E.

This half term the children will learn running skills and kicking skills. In our kicking skills lessons, we will develop our control of the ball when moving at different speeds, dribbling, passing and shooting at a target. In our running skills lessons, we will develop our ability to run at different speeds and along different pathways, including while moving and carrying equipment.

PE days for Year 1 children are Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child arrives to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

COMPUTING

Children will develop their understanding of technology and how it can be helpful and useful. We will become more familiar with different components of laptops, including

keyboard and mouse skills, and we will begin to consider how to use technology responsibly and being safe online.

PSHE

This half term we will be reflecting on rules and responsibilities, discussing what rules are and why different rules are needed for different situations. We will be reflecting on diversity by recognising ways we are the same and different to others. We will also be reflecting on British Values by discussing all the things we love to do and how important it is to recognise the rights of others, have tolerance and show responsibility to care for others.

MUSIC

Our first unit of Music is titled 'Tell me a story'. We will be learning to sing songs in unison and play percussion instruments in response to a fairy tale, aiming to keep a steady pulse and match the instrument to a point in the story.

FOREST SCHOOL

Year 1 will take part in forest school sessions on **Tuesdays for the second half of Autumn 1** - the start date of forest school sessions will be communicated to parents closer to the time. We will be developing our ability to assess risks, work as a team, build problem-solving skills and deepen our appreciation for nature and all living things.

HOMEWORK

In Key Stage One, homework will be in the form of **daily reading practise**. This is the most beneficial way to support your child's education at this stage. **It is important children reread a book before it is changed as this encourages fluency and pace which is an integral part of the reading process, as well as asking your child questions about what they have read.**

During this half-term, Year 1 children will bring their Learning Log home which will include activities related to the phonics learning taught that week as well as the Maths Shed activity. Please use the page in the Learning Log to practise the phonics in any way that supports or suits your child - repetition, doodling, bubble writing etc. Maths homework will be available on the Maths Shed platform. Please find your child's login on the inside of their Learning Log.

Your child's learning log (book) will be sent home on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday.

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Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Ratcliffe