



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

"This is how God showed his love ... He sent his one and only son into the world." Genesis 3:1-10.

Welcome to Year 1!

Your child's teacher will be Miss Ratcliffe.

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

RE

Our second unit in RE is titled 'Prophecy and Promise'. We will learn about the Annunciation and consider how Mary felt when she said 'Yes' to The Angel Gabriel. We will learn about Mary sharing her news with Elizabeth and we will retell the story of the Annunciation and the Visitation. We will reflect on how Mary is our Mother and learn the prayer The Hail Mary. We will then learn about the birth of Jesus, including the visit of the shepherds, and we will reflect on how God shows His love by giving us His Son.

MATHS

Our area of focus in Maths will continue to be Addition and Subtraction within 10. We will be learning addition, including adding together and adding more. We will then be introducing subtraction by finding a part of a part-whole model, by taking away/crossing out, by counting how many are left, using a number line and using fact families. We will then move on to learning about shapes, including recognising and naming both 2D and 3D shapes, and then sorting 2D and 3D shapes. 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

During this half-term, we will explore the 'Curious Quests' approach to reading comprehension and writing. This approach introduces 'Professor Klunk's Great Big Story Dream Machine', who sets 'quests' for us each week based on the Year 1 writing objectives. Our main focuses will be to write by composing sentences orally, beginning to use capital letters and full-stops, and checking written work makes sense. We will also be developing our handwriting, spelling words with previously taught phonemes and using some punctuation. 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 quest!

PHONICS

In Phonics for this half term we will begin with revising previously learnt graphemes from Autumn 1, including: aw, ue, ew, ea, oy, ir, ay, ou and ie. We will move on to learning new

graphemes, with a focus on split-digraphs: oe, au, i-e, a-e, o-e, u-e, e-e, wh and ph. We will finish the half-term with learning about phonic families. We will also be reading and spelling phase 5 tricky words, including Mr, Mrs, asked, called, could, would, should, our, here, house, mouse and words with -ed endings.

SCIENCE

In Science this Autumn term, we will be continuing to learn about Animals including Humans, answering the question, 'Are all animals the same?' We will be exploring the key parts of our bodies and naming these body parts. We will be investigating if big hands mean we have big feet. We will then finish the unit by learning about the five senses and exploring our sense of smell, taste, feel, sight and hearing. We will also be noticing seasonal changes from Autumn to Winter.

HISTORY

In History we will be learning about the past of Nantwich, answering the question, 'Has Nantwich changed over time?' We will be exploring what Nantwich town was like years ago, and considering how we know about the past from different sources. We will be exploring how homes and buildings have changed, the events of the Great Fire of Nantwich, how brine was important for Nantwich and significant men and women in Nantwich's past.

DT

In Design and Technology, we will be creating a moving picture story book, based on traditional tales. We will begin with exploring moving picture books, and we will move onto learning how to make sliders, lever and wheel mechanisms. We will then evaluate our moving pictures and consider how they could be improved.

P.E.

This half term the children will learn throwing skills and dance skills. In our throwing skills lessons, we will develop our ability to track and receive a ball, throw underarm, bounce a ball at a target and apply these skills to game situations. In our dance skills lessons, we will be using theme of space and starry skies to perform simple movement patterns, make different shapes at different levels and to dance in different formations. **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 explore the world of digital art and use an exciting range of creative tools. We will use computers to create our own paintings, taking inspiration from a range of artists. We will then consider our preferences when painting with, and without, the use of digital devices.

PSHE

This half term we will be reflecting on how we are created and loved by God. We will begin with a story from the Gospel of Matthew to help understand we are created by God out of love and for love. We will reflect on how we are all special and celebrate the differences which make us unique. We will also learn about how to look after our bodies by staying healthy and keeping clean.

MUSIC

Our unit of Music is titled 'Fireworks and Fantasy'. We will be learning to sing songs in call and response with accuracy, perform simple repeated rhythmic patterns, perform chants, recognise changes in pitch and begin to understand symbols can be used to represent sound.

FOREST SCHOOL

Year 1 will take part in forest school sessions on **Wednesdays for the first half of Autumn 2** - the dates of forest school sessions will be communicated to parents. 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