



Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term- Year 1



A warm welcome to Year One! We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday. We have had a great start to the term already, playing and working well with old and new friends. Please see below for an outline of this term's curriculum.

	English	We will be reading a variety of books (fiction, non-fiction and poetry). We will be following our Phonics scheme 'Floppy's Phonics' learning new digraphs and 'Helpful Words'. Please see their spelling test sheets to find our focus sounds each week. We will be writing sentences using full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and adjectives as well as joining clauses using 'and'.
	Maths	Our topics are 'Place Value', 'Addition and Subtraction' and 'Geometry; shape'. We build children's understanding by using concrete objects then pictorial representations then finally abstract questions. We will focus on arithmetic calculations and well as reasoning word problems to challenge children.
	R.E/R.S.E.	Our RE topics are 'Domestic Church', 'Baptism', 'Advent' and 'Judaism'. Our RSE topics are "My, My Body, My Health", 'Emotional Wellbeing' and 'Life Cycles'.
	Science	Our Science topic is 'Animals including humans'. We will answer our Big Question; 'What kind of animal am I?' using key vocabulary including mammal, herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.
	History/Geography	Our Geography topic is 'Seasons'. Our History topic is 'Guy Fawkes & The Gunpowder Plot' and we will celebrate Black History Month in October.
	Art/D.T.	We'll explore artists including Van Gogh and Monet. We will make self-portraits, season-inspired collages and Christmas crafts! We'll make weather vanes in DT.
	P.E.	Our main sports and skills are 'Invasion Games and 'Gymnastics'.
	Music	We will be exploring sounds, identifying instruments and learning about tempo and pitch. This will be based on music from around the world. We will also be taking part in a Nativity performance!
	Computing	Our Purple Mash topics are 'Online Safety and Exploring Purple Mash' and 'Technology Outside School'.
	Spanish	We will begin to understand and use basic greetings, recognise the Happy Birthday song and learn basic body parts.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Learning to be handed in. - Please bring your Reading Record in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please bring your Reading Record in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please bring your Reading Record in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Home Learning given out. - Please hand Reading Records in today making sure all three books have been signed for. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spelling test and new spellings given out. - PE. Please come into school in PE kit. - New Reading books given out, old books collected in. - Library day 8.45am-9.15. All parents/ carers are welcome.

Reading Records should be brought in every day Monday-Thursday. I will collect the Reading Records in on Thursday and hand them back on Friday with new reading books. Reading books and library books should be handed in on Fridays. Please ensure the Reading Records are signed each week. Please continue to support your child at home especially with Phonics and reading to help prepare for the Phonics Check in June. For regular updates, please see Class Dojo. If you have any questions, please ask!

Best wishes

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(Year 1 Class Teacher)