

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 1

Autumn Term 1

English

In English, we will be looking at a variety of narrative story books and tales with familiar settings and focusing on sentence structure and vocabulary. Stories include, 'Ruby's Worry', 'We are going on a Bear Hunt'. Children will be starting to write sentences independently using basic punctuation. They will write a factfile about bugs and some instructions. Their writing will be supported by their daily phonics lessons, where the children will be learning their sounds blend words independently.

Maths

To start this year, we will be comparing quantities using mathematical language such as more and fewer and greater than and less than.

We will look at part-whole relationships. Then we will study numbers to 5 and all the number facts related to numbers to 5. We will recognise, manipulate, compose and decompose 2D and 3D shapes. Children will begin to develop fluency in counting forwards and backwards to 50 starting at any given number.

Science

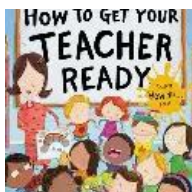
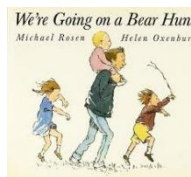
In Science, we will investigate our own body, learning the body parts and the functions they do, linking our senses to the correct part of the body. We will then look at different groups of animals and how they are different e.g. birds have wings, fishes have scales. Animals can be carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

RE

In this branch children will explore a four-part story of Creation from Genesis, making links with the Nicene Creed; recognise the urgency of Pope Francis's call to action in Laudato Si'; the importance of prayer for Christians and for the Church, learning the structure of the Our Father prayer.

History

In Year 1 History, children explore toys from the past and compare them to toys today. They look at how toys have changed in materials, design, and how they are used. This helps them understand how life was different in the past and how things have changed over time.



Computing

This half term, Year 1 will be developing their mouse skills by learning how to click, drag, drop and control the cursor with increasing confidence through a range of fun activities.

Art

Year 1 will be taking part in an exciting art project with Art K Jesmond. Children will explore a range of creative techniques and materials while developing their artistic skills and confidence. Parents and carers will be invited to the final session to celebrate the children's achievements and view their artwork.

Music

In music, the children will learn about how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together. They will also be learning how to play the Djembe drums.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, children will focus on transition, class rules, friendships, British Values, and the Zones of Regulation. They will also learn about friendships, online safety, Fairtrade, Black History Month, and promoting equality through the Show Racism the Red Card campaign.

PE

This half term, Year 1 will be developing their fundamental movement skills through a range of multi-skills activities. Children will focus on running, jumping, balancing, and changing direction safely, while improving their coordination, agility and teamwork through fun games and challenges. They will also practise their ball skills by throwing and catching.

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I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. I am really looking forward to lots of fun and learning over the next term. I look forward to working with you to ensure the children have a successful and enjoyable year.

Key information

Homework –Will be sent home Friday, please bring back the following **Wednesday**. This should only take around 20 minutes weekly to complete

Children should read their reading book daily for 10 minutes.

Please sign when you have listened to your child read. **Your child should bring their reading books in everyday** so we can change them when necessary.

Phonics lesson reading books will be changed weekly also. Please record any reading in the reading record diary. I love to hear about all of the different books your child has been reading, not just the schoolbooks.

Class dojo is an app that you will use to communicate with the class teacher when needed. Announcements will be put on ClassDojo Aswell as photos of the school day. I will send home a QR code to access this app.

Children should have a book bag to carry letters, homework, reading book and reading record. This is to come to school every day. No backpacks as we have limited room in the classroom/cloakroom.

Please ensure that your child always has a labelled water bottle in school. Please label school clothing too.

P.E. will be on a **Tuesday and Thursday**.

P.E kits –Your child will come to school in PE kit on PE days. The school PE kit should include: a blue t-shirt, blue or black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers. No jewellery to be worn during P.E. lessons.

I am always available after school if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns.

If you wish to arrange an appointment, please contact the school office.

I look forward to having a great first term with all Year 1 children

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support,

Miss Barnes