



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Living and Growing in Christ

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Year 1 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Year 1 Parents,

Welcome back to all of Year 1 and their families and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you all. Below is an outline of a few details about the curriculum and how we will continue to run our Year 1 class.

Classroom organisation:

As usual children should have a named **water** bottle in school.

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays this term. We hope to try and get outside as much as possible so children will need kit suitable for in and outdoors. Please be reminded that PE is navy shorts, a light blue t-shirt and plimsolls and for outdoor games a navy tracksuit.

Homework and spellings:

Reading: Children should read for 10 minutes every night followed by some discussion about the characters and the plot in the story. The expectation is that most children will not change reading books on a daily basis. However, do read every evening with your child to encourage him/her to enjoy reading. Please continue to write comments in the reading record about your child's reading as this is very helpful to us. Please indicate the page reached each time or write that the book has been finished. One or two pages at this stage is fine. Reading will begin being sent home from Friday 7th January.

Spellings: Please note that the children are given spellings to learn on a Friday each week to be tested on the following Friday. Please practise these words with your child on the spelling sheet. This will start from Friday 14th January.

Staffing:

Mrs Conroy teaches the class Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Hughes teaches the class Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Montavez will also be supporting the class. We are also lucky to have Mrs Ryan and Miss Tamsin supporting the pupils.

Thank you for your continued support and we cannot wait to get to know your children.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Conroy and Mrs C Hughes





RE

Our **R.E.** topics are Special People, Meals and Change. Children will learn to:

- Retell Bible stories.
- Recognise religious beliefs
- Describe some religious beliefs
- Recognise that people act in a particular way because of their beliefs
- Describe some of the actions and choices of believers that arise because of their belief
- Recognise key figures in the history of the People of God.

Children will have opportunities to take part in conversations where they can talk about and ask questions about Christianity.

This term we are going to be celebrating World Religions Day in class and we will have the opportunity to learn about different world Religions and celebrate diversity around the world.

English

In our **Literacy** lessons, we are looking at, stories about pirates and will be doing writing activities based on pirates. We will be writing descriptions, letters, diaries and instructions. We will be particularly focusing on spelling tricky words correctly. We will have daily phonics lessons where the children will learn diagraphs and how to read and spell tricky words. The children will be able to recognise different types of texts (instructions, diaries, stories, letters and newspapers). The children will begin to write words and simple sentences independently.

Geography/History

Our **Geography** topic is the United Kingdom and we will be looking at maps. We will be learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and famous landmarks. We will learn about the continents and oceans that make up our world and be able to locate them on a map.



PE/Games

In **P.E** we will be doing gymnastic skills. Children will learn to:

- Balance with control.
- Use their bodies to make shapes and begin a variety of gymnastic rolls.

In games the children will learn to:

- Throw and catch a ball with a partner.
- Move fluently, changing direction and speed easily and avoiding collisions.
- Show control and accuracy with the basic actions for rolling, underarm throwing, striking a ball and kicking.
- Continue to use multi skills practice.

DT/Art

In **Art** we will mixing primary and secondary colours, use a variety of different media such as pastels and charcoals and experiment with different size of lines, begin printing and using different materials such as clay.

In **DT** we will continue to use cutting skills and make a structure.

Science

During science this term, we are starting a new topic on 'Plants'. Children will have the opportunity to plant and watch seeds grow, learn about a variety of plants such as flowers, vegetables and trees. We will use our wonderful school environment to observe winter to spring changes and watch how nature changes and grows. We will look at the different parts of a plants and relate to living and non - living things.



Maths

In our **Maths** lessons we will continue to focus ordering of numbers, odd and even, more or less, sharing, halving and doubling. Children will be expected to practise counting on and back to 50 or 100 and continue to learn their number bonds to 20 at home., so they have a secure knowledge of place value, for example: know that 20 is 2 tens, 34 is 3 tens and 4 ones. Children will continue to revise time, money and shape topics in maths and how we use them in everyday life.

Computing

In **Computing**, we will continue to learn instructional language to use with iPads for a purpose. We will also look at how we use technology safely.

Music

They will be able to sing simple songs from memory with enjoyment, some expression and a sense of the shape of the melody. In addition, they will use their voices confidently in a variety of ways, identify pulse in music as well as recall short rhythmic and melodic patterns.

PSHCE

In **PSHE** we will follow our Vote for Schools topic where we will have weekly discussions.