



Parent Overview - Year 1 Spring 2019

This overview provides you with information about what your child will be learning during the Spring term. In addition, all pupils will continue to learn about the Catholic Virtues and British Values as appropriate throughout the curriculum. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p>This term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and writing letters • Understanding and using nouns, verbs and adjectives • Exploring the features of and writing poetry • Developing our comprehension skills (e.g. scanning the text for answers, understanding how to answer different questions, making predictions based on what has been said or done). • Exploring the features of a recount and writing our own • Reading non-fiction texts • Planning and creating information booklets • Developing our use of punctuation when writing (including exclamation marks and question marks). • Extending sentences with conjunctions such as 'and' and 'but'. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths</u></p> <p>This term we will be:</p> <p><u>Number: Addition and Subtraction</u> Representing and using number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20 Reading, writing and interpreting mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs.</p> <p><u>Place Value</u> Counting to 50 forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any number. Counting, reading and writing numbers to 50 in numerals. Given a number, identifying one more or one less. Identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least. Counting in multiples of twos, fives and tens.</p> <p><u>Measurement: Length and Height</u> Measuring and beginning to record lengths and heights.</p> <p><u>Measurement: Weight and Volume</u> Measuring and beginning to record mass/weight, capacity and volume.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Religious Education</u></p> <p>This term in RE we will be completing our Christmas story and following this by looking at Jesus as a healer and a teacher. Following on from that we will be considering forgiveness and how we forgive ourselves and others.</p> <p>Then we will be considering the season of Lent, which helps us reflect and prepare for Holy Week.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p>Throughout this term we will be continuing to follow the changes in the seasons from winter to spring. Along with naming flowers that grow during the springtime, we will be naming the parts of a plant.</p> <p>As part of our first topic, we will be investigating the different features of animals.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>This term we will be learning about how to use technology safely and respectfully and discussing why this is important. We will learn how to search for and retrieve information from a search engine to collect some images of our favourite animals. We will be creating an e-book about Animals. We will also become TV chefs by creating a cooking show.</p>

Topic

This term our topics this term are:

Spring 1: Paws, claws and whiskers

Spring 2: Bright lights, big city

In Paws, claws and whiskers, we will be learning all about animals and their classifications - mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects. We will design and make enclosures for our pets to help keep them safe and warm and create wonderful sculptures of a variety of animals. In PE we are going to explore the movement of different creatures and create our own dances. We will also look at our awareness of rhythm and learn some new animal songs. In geography we are going to locate the continents of the world on a map and learn about the big cats which live there.

Bright lights, big city will teach us about countries and capital cities in the UK, focussing in particular on London and its landmarks. We are going to explore algorithms, design and make souvenirs and learn about stop-motion animation. In history lessons we will delve into the fascinating story of the great fire of London before learning some traditional songs.

Other important information

Children will need their PE kit on a Tuesday (Commando Joe) and a Wednesday- (please ensure your child is not wearing any earrings on these days).

Important dates for the term

25th January 2019 - INSET DAY (School closed to children)

18th February 2019 - Half term week

6th March 2019 - Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)

7th March 2019 - World book day. Children to dress up as a character from a book.

Tuesday 19th March - Parents evening (4pm-7.00pm) and Thursday 21st March (3.30pm-5.30pm).

12th March 2019 - Year 1 Cake sale

24th March 2019 - Mass at St John's Church - 10.30

15th April 2019 - Easter Holidays

How to help at home

Reading books will be changed once / twice a week in year 1. Please aim to read at least one school book a week and write a comment in your child's reading record. In addition to reading books, children will continue to have reading books available on Activelearn. A school book should be read more than once, so that the comprehension is embedded within the reading as well as the actual word reading.

Homework will continue to be given to children each week on a Friday. This will be due in on Wednesday of the following week.

In Year One it is vital that children begin spelling common words correctly and use phonics and other strategies to support their spelling. In phonics and spelling lessons we will be teaching spelling patterns and spelling rules that we will ask children to apply in their writing. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to speak to Mrs Kessler. Thank you for your support.