



Year 1 Summer Term Newsletter



This half term our value is 'Grace'. In class and during Collective Worship we will be thinking about how we can show grace to each other and explore what this means. After half term our value will be 'Joy'. Throughout this term we will be continuing to challenge ourselves within our learning. We will be continuing to use our phonics, punctuation and grammar when we write and some children will begin to use cursive handwriting within our writing.

English

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading record and ensure they are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag at all times.

Our English lessons will be based on a range of genres. Our first book this term has been 'The Magic Bed' by John Burningham. After this we will be moving onto another text where we will be exploring non-fiction texts.

Science

This half term in Science Year 1 will be looking at Plants. We have already planted beans and we are investigating what a plant needs to grow. We will observe our beans over time to see what changes occur. Over the half term we will become plant detectives looking around the school grounds for different types of plants. Year 1 will be learning what the differences are between deciduous and evergreen trees and how to identify them. We will also be learning about the structure of a flowering plant.

Maths

In Maths we are developing our ability to add and subtract numbers within 100, using number lines, cubes and dienes. We will also be continuing to build on the children's fluency with their timetables, and use this knowledge to solve number sentences. In to this, we will be exploring division by sharing manipulatives into groups.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. The homework will include a section on Maths and Phonics, please help your child to ensure they have a solid understanding of the work covered. It is important that the children take pride in their homework and look after their book.

Philosophy and PSHE

Philosophy and PSHE sessions will be held weekly, based on a different book, picture or video stimulus each week to encourage the children to ask questions.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This term we will have a joint geography and history focus, Castles, specifically in England. We will be learning about the first two types of castles, William the Conqueror, the Bayeux Tapestry and the people who live in castles and their roles.

RE

Our focus this term will be "The stories that Jesus told" and after half term 'The five Pillars of Islam'.

In addition to the daily whole school collective worship, we have a weekly key stage collective worship where we extend our learning and understanding of our school values within a Christian community.

PPA

On Friday I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time the children will be taught by Mrs Boyle. Fridays will follow the normal timetable.

Dates to remember:

*1.5.17 May Day Bank Holiday
11.5.17 Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call.
26.5.17- 6.6.17 Half term
5.6.17 INSET Day
12.6.17 Group Photos
17.6.17 PTFA Summer Fair 12.00-3.15 pm
21.6.17 Year 1 class collective worship 9am
29.6.17 Sports Day
20.7.17 Last day of term
21.6.17 INSET Day*

Expressive Arts

Our focus in Art and Design this term is sculpture and textiles. This will be largely linked with the Knowledge and understanding topic this term 'Castles'.

We will be designing our own flags and then using needles and thread to sew these using felt. Through this we will be experimenting with the running stitch.

P.E

On Monday afternoon the children will have P.E with Mr Smith. During these sessions, we will be looking at some team sports such as football and hockey. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and navy blue/white T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named.

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website.

As the summer approaches, please ensure your child brings in a named sunhat and sun cream.

Wellies are still also advised for our outdoor learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see the office to arrange an appointment.

*Miss Johnston
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