

Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2019 - Year 1

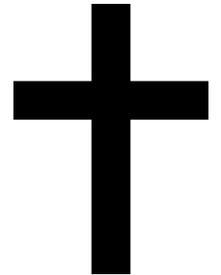
Term	Topic
Autumn first half Term	What makes me, me? How do I know what season it is?
Autumn second half Term	Would I Want to be a Victorian Child?
Spring first half Term	Which materials should the little pigs have used to build their house?
Spring second half Term	How has Greenford Changed?
Summer first half Term	Would a Tiger make a good pet?
Summer second half Term	What do you know about our Queen?

Religious Education

We will cover three different units focusing on different themes within our religion. These are:

- Families - we will be thinking about God's love and care for every family.
- Belonging - we will be focusing on Baptism and how this is an invitation to belong to God's family.
- Waiting - this will be linked to Advent and looking forward to Christmas.

The children will also have the opportunity to learn a little about the faith of Judaism. Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week, including their special days, special places, how they live as a family and how they worship.



Literacy

Reading



We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts with the children. We will be discussing key features of texts and the difference between different types of books and their layouts. In school reading experiences will vary between independent reading, guided reading (focussed group with teacher and TA) and whole class reading. For maximum progress to be made, it is vital that children are also reading with an adult on a daily basis at home. The Year 1 children will continue to use their blue reading records which were introduced in Reception.

Writing

During this term we will be looking at reading and writing:

- Information pages about the Victorians
- Diary Entries
- Non-fiction Booklets
- Poems



These will all be linked to our topic of 'What makes me, me?' 'How do I know what season it is?' and 'Would I Want to be a Victorian Child?'

Phonics



We will be introducing the children to Phase 5 and grouping the children according to where they are in their learning. If we feel they need additional support on sounds learnt in Reception they will continue to work on Phase 3 and 4 before moving on. We will begin with the sounds **ie, ue, oe, oy, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e** and **u-e**. If there are any sounds that you do not recognise please come in and see either Mrs Giordmaina or Mrs Bratchell.

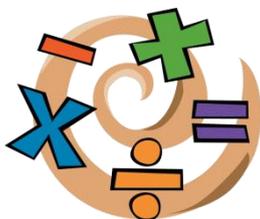
We will be reading with your child at least 2 times a week, we will be encouraging them to sound out any unknown words, to use the pictures as aids and to begin to learn words by sight e.g. the.

Grammar and Punctuation

This term we will be focusing on:

- finger spaces
- capital letters
- full stops

Maths



We aim to cover the following topics this term:

- Place Value - recognising numbers, starting from 0-10 and moving up to numbers to 100.
- Measurements - capacity and mass, ordering and comparing.
- Fractions - beginning to understand the concept of half, including time.
- Addition - number bonds, written calculations and practical addition.

By the end of this term children will be required to:

- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards with zero or one or from any given number.
- Read and write numbers from 1-20 in numerals and words.

Topic: Autumn 1- What makes me, me? and How do I know what season it is?

Within these topics children cover:

- Parts of the human body
- The five senses
- Observational changes across the four seasons
- Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies
- identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees

Topic: Autumn 2 - Would I Want to be a Victorian Child?

Within this topic children cover:

- The similarities and differences between life in Victorian England and life now.
- Homes
- School life of Victorian children.
- The similarities and differences between Victorian toys and modern toys.
- Victorian artists



Important Dates

- Welcome Mass - 12th September
- Parent Information Evening - 10th September
- Phonics and Reading Workshop - TBC
- Harvest Liturgy - 14th October
- Parent Consultation Evening - 17th October
- Individual photos - 30th October
- Half Term - 21st- 25th October
- Family of God Mass- 31st October
- Writing Workshop 2.30pm -4th November
- Writing Workshop 6pm- 7th November
- Victorian Toy Workshop - 12th November
- Children in Need Fundraiser - 15th November TBC
- Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mass- 27th November
- Advent Liturgy 9.30- 3rd December
- Christmas Pantomime - 11th December
- Christmas Lunch- 11th December
- Term Ends - 20th December

Communication with parents

It is very important to us as a school that we work in partnership with parents. Therefore we welcome any feedback you can give us about your child and their experience in school. If you have any concerns or worries, please see your child's class teacher Mrs Giordmaina or Mrs Bratchell.