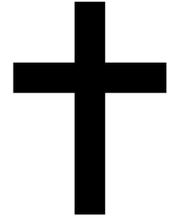


Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 - Year 1

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.



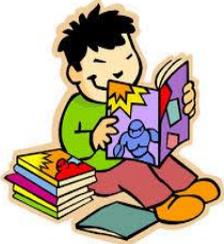
The children will also have the opportunity to learn a little about the faith of Judaism. Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week, including their special days, special places, how they live as a family and how they worship.

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.

At school, we will focus on independent reading in the first half term, then after the half term break we will introduce guided reading (focussed group with teacher and TA). For maximum progress, it is vital that children are also reading with an adult on a daily basis at home.



The Year 1 children will use reading records, these will be sent home each week with 2 colour band books and 1 phonic book on your child's given day, the books must be returned each week on the same day.

Writing

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

- Information all about ourselves.
 - Letter writing
 - Non - fiction booklets
- Poetry- children's rhymes and autumn poems.



Handwriting

This will be taught every day during the autumn term. As a starter to each lesson the children will all join together to partake in some simple finger warm up exercises.

During handwriting lessons the children will all sit at a table and hold a pencil comfortably and correctly. The formation of lower case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place will continue from the letters taught in FS2.

Phonics daily sessions



We will be introducing the children to Phase 5 after revising the phase 3 & 4 sounds. If we feel they need additional support on sounds learnt in Reception we 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 email through the school admin address and either Mrs Bratchell or Mrs John Lewis will contact you with support.

We will be reading with your child at least twice 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.

Science/History/Geography

Within these topics children will cover:

- 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
- The similarities and differences between toys throughout the ages and modern toys.

The children will also be taught Art and DT, PE, PSHE, Computer studies and take part in masses and assemblies.

Important Dates

- Welcome Mass: 9th September
- Parent Information Evening: 14th September
- Poetry Day: 7th October
- Harvest Liturgy: 13th October
- Parent Consultation Evening: 21st October
- Training Day for teachers: child not at school 22nd October
- Half Term: 25th- 29th October
- Family of God Mass: 1st November
- Toy Workshop: 16th November
- Advent Liturgy: 9.30- 3rd December
- Infant Christmas plays: TBC
- Christmas Lunch: TBC
- Term Ends: half day 1:30pm 17th 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 email us through the school admin email address admin@olovrc.com or contact us on ClassDojo.