

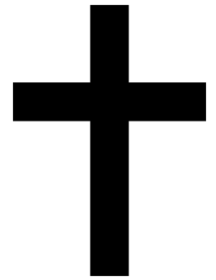
Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2022 - Year 1

Religious Education

We will cover four different units focusing on different themes within our religion.

These are:

- Special People- looking at people who are special in our community and in our Church community.
- Meals - we will be focusing on the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
- Change - looking at Lent and Easter.
- Holidays and Holydays - our focus will be Pentecost and spreading the good news.



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 reading every day in an adult led group using a range of phonic based books from our new `Little Wandle` reading scheme.

The Year 1 children will use reading records, these will be sent home each week with 1 colour band book and 1 Little Wandle reading scheme book. Books will be returned on a Wednesday and given out on a Thursday each week.



Writing

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

- Story writing
- Letter writing
- Instructions
- Non-Fiction writing
- Poetry- Children`s Instruction rhymes and Spring Poems



These will all be linked to our topics of 'Which materials should the little pigs have used to build their house?' and `How has Transport Changed Greenford?`

Handwriting

This will be taught every day during the Spring 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. The children will be taught to lead out from a letter in preparation to join their letters.

Phonics



We are teaching the children daily phonics through our Little Wandle phonics scheme.

This teaches the children Phase 5 sounds and continues revising the phase 3 & 4 sounds and tricky words. Some children will receive daily keep up sessions.

If there are any sounds that you do not recognise please email through the school admin address and either Mrs Bratchell or Ms Hashi will contact you with support.

When reading with your child we will be encouraging them to sound out any unknown words.

Grammar and Punctuation

This term we will be focusing on:

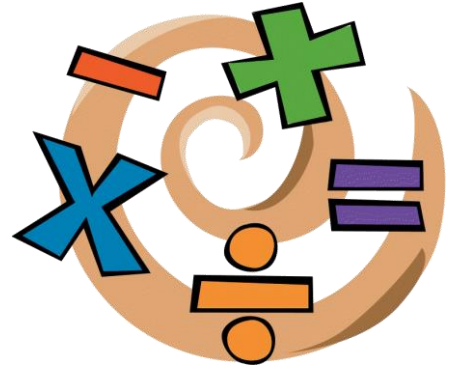
- finger spaces
- capital letters
- full stops

Maths

We aim to cover the following topics this term:

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- Doubles
- Halves
- Quarters
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Position, direction and movement
- Giving and following directions
- Different turns
- Programming floor robots
- Comparing
- Measuring length and height



By the end of this term children will continue to:

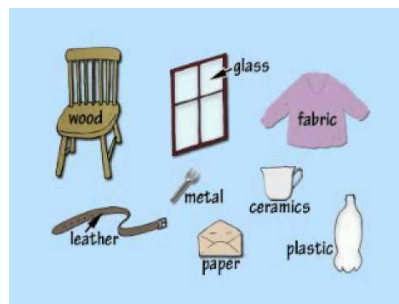
- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards with zero or one or from any given number.
- Read and write numbers from 1-20 in numerals and words.
- Practise number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science/History/Geography

Spring 1: Which materials should the little pigs have used to build their house?

Within this topic children cover:

- Exploring different materials and their uses.
- Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.
- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.
- Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.



Topic Spring 2: How has Transport Changed Greenford?

Within this topic children cover:

- Landmarks.
- Reading a map.
- Designing and making a map.
- Using a key.
- Identifying changes to our local community.



Also within this topic children will be investigating:

- The features of a plant.
 - How plants grow.
- What a plant needs to help it grow.
 - Planting.

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

Important Dates

- World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March
- Careers Week- Monday 7th March
- Parental Consultations - Thursday 10th March. (School closes at 2:00pm)
- St Patrick's Mass - Thursday 17th March- 9.15am
- School Trip to Greenford Quay 1B - Tuesday 22nd March 9.15am-11.45am
- School Trip to Greenford Quay 1J - Thursday 22nd March 9.15am-11.45am
- Infant Holy Week Liturgy in school- Wednesday 30th march 9.15am
- Last Day of term for year 1-school closes at 1.30pm - Friday 1st April 2022

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 or contact us on ClassDojo.