

Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2024 – 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 local 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 continue reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books with the children. We will discuss key features of texts and the difference between different types of books and their layouts.

We will focus on reading in an adult led group using a range of phonic based books from our 'Little Wandle' reading scheme.

Reading books will be sent home on a Thursday each week and returned back to school on a Tuesday.



Writing

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

- Story writing- the beginning, middle and end.
- Letter writing
- Instructions
- Non-Fiction writing
- Poetry- Children's Instruction rhymes and Spring Poems



These will all be linked to our topics of
'Seasonal changes' and
'How has Transport Changed Greenford?'

Handwriting

As a starter to each lesson the children will 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 children will be taught the correct formation of lower case and then upper case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place. They 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 or send a message on Class Dojo and either Mrs Bratchell or Mrs Kelly will contact you with support. When reading with your child we will be encouraging them to sound out any unknown words using their phonic knowledge and we continue to increase the children's bank of tricky words on a weekly basis.

Grammar and Punctuation

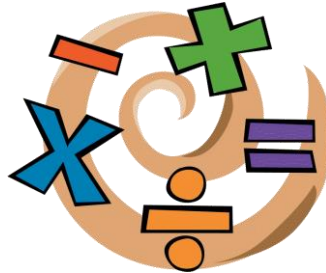
This term we will be focusing on:

- finger spaces
- capital letters
- full stops
- question marks
- plurals – adding `s` or `es`
- conjunctions

Maths

We aim to cover the following topics this term:

- Time
- Number Bonds to 20
- Two more, two less
- 5 more, 5 less
- Halves and Quarters
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Repeating patterns
- Position, direction and movement
- Giving and following directions
- Different turns
- Programming floor robots
- Comparing
- Measuring mass
- Measuring capacity and volume



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 1-30 in numerals and words.
- Practise number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science/History/Geography

Spring 1: Seasonal changes – BOTH Winter and Spring

Within this topic children cover:

- 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

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.



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

Important Dates

- Parent Workshop-What is safeguarding? PSHE & Curriculum -Wednesday 17th January 2pm
- Parent Workshop-Internet safety & boundaries - Wednesday 24th January 2pm
- Parent Workshop- FGM/C workshop (same as staff training) – Wednesday 31st January 2pm
- Candlemas and St Blaise Mass - Friday 2nd February- 9.30am
- Parent Workshop-FGM - Wednesday 7th February 2pm
- HALF TERM WEEK - Monday 12th- Friday 16th February
- Parental Consultations - Thursday 29th February (School closes at 2:00pm)
- World Book Day – Thursday 7th March- All Day
- St Patrick's Mass - Monday 18th March- 9.30am
- Year 1 School Trip to Greenford Quay - Thursday 21st March 9.30am-11.30am
- Infant Holy Week Liturgy - Wednesday 27th March 9.30am
- Last Day of term, school closes at 1.30 - Thursday 28th March

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 Class Dojo.