



Year One Newsletter

Summer 1 2019



Dear Parents/Guardians and children,

Welcome to the Summer Term! I am not sure where this year has gone but I am sure that we have had a fabulous time along the way! Let's make this term the best one yet, we have lots of exciting things planned - see below!

Mrs Moon, Mrs Hey and Miss Thomas

To find out more about each subject please read below.

English - In English we will complete our work on stories with a familiar setting - using *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. We will then move onto writing explanation texts, using the book - *The Secret Sky Garden* as a stimulus. Across both of these units we will continue to use the Phillip Webb approach - using the chosen books to work on prediction, comprehension and spelling and grammar. We will then plan, draft and edit our own texts.

Maths - We will spend the first part of this half term working on Multiplication and Division. We will count in 10s, make equal groups, add equal groups, make arrays, make doubles. We will learn how to group and share. After this, we will work on fractions. In this unit we will half shapes, objects and quantities. We will learn how to find a quarter of a shape, object or quantity.

Religious Education - Our RE topic for this term is 'The Resurrection'. In this unit of work, we will reflect on how we celebrate Easter and learn about how the disciples reacted to the resurrection.

Science - Our Science work this half term will be based around Animals, including Humans. We will learn about the basic parts of the human body and our senses. We will then turn our attention to Animals - identifying, naming, comparing and describing. We will learn about Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores and how to sort animals into these categories.

PE - Our PE work this term will be based around dance.

Creative Curriculum (DT, P4C, Music, Art focus) - Our topic this term is based around the book - *The Secret Sky Garden*! In DT, we will be making, designing and evaluating Bug Hotels for our class planter. Our worms from the previous term will move in here! We will also be making scarecrows for our class planter using recycled materials. In P4C we will be considering the issue of growth as an individual and also how we can make friendship grow. In Music, we will be learning songs and performance poetry related to plants and gardens. We will also be making our own basic instruments at Forest School (see for more information below). In Art we will be learning about and creating the work of two artists, Van Gough (Painter) and Mark Quinn (Sculptor). We will also plant Sunflowers in our planter as part of our work on Van Gough. Overall a very exciting topic to look forward to!

Weekly Homework

* **Reading** - One Phonics reading book and two story reading books will be sent home weekly and should be read at home. Please make a short note in the reading record after each reading session. Please ensure that the children's reading books are always in their folders.

* **Phonics** - Phonics homework will change this term. We will work on our high frequency words. These will be sent out on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

* **Homework grid** - One piece of homework from our 'Homework Grid' should be completed each week. The sections of the grid are based around English, Maths, Topic, RE or Science. This homework will be marked weekly, on a Thursday.

Dates for your Diary

Tues 30 th April	Back to school!
Thurs 2 nd May	KS1 Cricket Festival
Friday 3 rd May	Whole school Mass - 2pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	May procession - start in school and go up to Church
Weds 5 th June	Alien Day
Tues 11 th June	First Holy Communion Mass - Church
Tues 25 th June	KS1 Mass - school
Weds 3 rd July	Poet - Spoz visiting school
Tues 16 th July	End of year Mass - School

You are always most welcome to join us at mass. If personally you can't make it, please feel free to invite a friend or relative to join us.

Special Events/Activities/News

PE will take place on a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate school PE uniform, a white T-shirt, navy shorts and black pumps, in school on those days. Please ensure earrings are either covered or removed, as well as other jewellery. It would also be really helpful to the children if every piece of their uniform, including their PE kit is clearly labelled with their name, so that if it does get mislaid, it can be easily returned to them. Please also practise with children getting changed quickly and independently into their kit.

We are constantly on the look-out for volunteers. If you, or a family member or friend are able to kindly spare some time either on a weekly or one off basis to come into school and help us with readers, assisting lessons and making resources, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Volunteers for trips - the time volunteers take to come on trips is extremely valuable. Without this trips would be unable to go ahead.

Trips - next half term we are looking into booking a Forest School Trip for all of KS1.

Thanks for all your support.