

Curriculum Letter Autumn 2019

Class teacher: Mrs Wright, Year 1

Religious Education

God's Great Plan

The children will explore and respond to the wonders of God's creation and hear the story of Creation from Genesis. They will reflect on the knowledge that God made us because he loves us and on our responsibility to look after God's world and not to spoil it.

Mary, Mother of God

The children will learn that God sent the Angel Gabriel to ask Mary to be the Mother of his Son and reflect on her response. They will hear about Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and reflect on their good news. The children will also think about preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus and know the story of the birth of Jesus and Mary's role in it.

English

The children will be studying a range of text types including:

- description
- stories, with a focus on traditional tales
- recount
- poetry

Maths

The children will solve problems involving:

- reading and writing numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words
- representing numbers in various forms
- comparing numbers
- adding and subtracting numbers to 20
- knowing and using number bonds to 5 in several forms
- counting in multiples of two, five and ten
- recognising, naming and sorting common 2-D shapes
- explaining the properties of 2-D shapes
- describing position, direction and movement
- finding half of objects, lengths, shapes and quantities
- lengths and heights, mass/weight, capacity/volume

Science

The children will learn about the five senses and begin to work scientifically by drawing pictures of what they see, hear, touch, smell or taste. They will learn which part of the body is associated with each sense. The children will investigate materials. They will learn to name some everyday materials and to describe what they look like and what they feel like. They will consider why or why not a material may be suitable for a certain purpose. Over the course of the year the children will also be observing changes across the four seasons and describing the weather linked to the seasons.

Computing

The children will be introduced to some simple rules to keep themselves safe when they go online (online safety is a topic which is revisited regularly throughout the year). The children will be learning to use a paint programme to perform tasks such as clicking and dragging a brush, changing colour, clearing the screen, filling a shape and editing an image.

Homework

- Children will benefit enormously from reading to an adult regularly at home; at least ten

minutes daily would be ideal. This should be recorded in their Reading Record. The girls' books will be changed on Tuesdays, the boys' on Thursdays. All reading books and Reading Record books should be brought into school every day.

- Spellings will be given out every Friday; children will be tested on the following Friday. Alongside the weekly spellings the children also have the Spelling Bee words to practise for the end of the half term.
- Maths homework will be given every Tuesday and should be returned to school on or before the following Tuesday.
- Occasionally other pieces of homework may also be given out.