

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Year 1

Advent Term 2018



Once upon  
a time...

## Overview of topic

### English

The children will be looking at stories that reflect their own experiences and different types of poetry.

Children will continue to develop their writing skills (letter, word and sentence formation).

Children will be writing retells of stories (both fiction stories and things that have happened to them).

### Reading

Develop pleasure in reading.

Continue to develop blending and fluency.

Retell a story that the child has read.

Talk about how a character might feel based on events in a story

### Science

#### Materials and their properties

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

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

### Maths

#### Geometry

Positional language

Names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes

#### Numbers to 10

Finding patterns

Counting and comparing

Estimating and ordering

Regrouping the whole

Part whole addition and subtraction

Problem solving

Equality and balance

#### Numbers to 20

Making 10 and some more

Estimating, ordering and comparing

Doubling and halving

Odd and even numbers

### RE

Families;

Belonging;

Loving

More information to follow regarding the Advent term RE topics.

## Art/DT

Develop a wide range of art and design techniques using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

Learn about the works of a range of artists.

Explore and evaluate a range of existing products

Explore and use mechanisms in their products.

Design purposeful, functional and appealing products based on design criteria.

Evaluate their ideas against design criteria.

## Music

We follow the 'inspiring music' scheme of work;

Hey You!; using hip-hop music to find a beat

Rhythm in the Way We Walk; finding the rhythm in different songs

## History

Research events beyond living memory: castles and knights

Research significant individuals: Mary Seacole.

## PE

Master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

Participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.

## Geography

Positional language, compass directions and creating a map of Fairyland.

Recognise human and physical features on a map; Children will create a map of 'fairy tale land'.

## The term ahead in Year 1

### Topic

#### 'Once upon a time'

The children will explore fiction and non-fiction books related to the topic. The children will learn about characters, settings and morals in stories. They will also learn about a variety of topic-related places and people such as castles and knights using non-fiction books.

### PE

#### Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit. This should consist of plimsolls or trainers, blue shorts and a white t-shirt. School jumpers or sweatshirts and jogging bottoms can be worn in colder weather. For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery during P.E.

### Homework

**Homework** is given out on a **Thursday** to be completed and handed in the following **Wednesday**. This year your child will not have a homework book. Instead, each week your child will bring home a booklet, with certain page numbers to complete. Please do return the booklet on Wednesday each week. If your child does not return the booklet you will be charged a small fee to replace it.

**Spellings** are given out on a **Monday**; a spelling test will take place each Friday.

### Water bottle and snack

Children are encouraged to bring a named water bottle to school each day.

Fruit is provided every day for the children to have at break time.

## Key dates in Autumn term

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Roald Dahl Day	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	St Matthew to wear red	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual School Photos	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Fast Day	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Assembly	9.15
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents Evening	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 1 Class Assembly	9.10
	Parents Evening	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Luke to wear yellow	
	Half Term	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS 1 Trip to Dell Farm	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St John to wear blue	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Production	2.15
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Production	6.30
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day	12.00
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Carols Around the Tree	2.00
	End of term	3.20

Please keep checking the school website and Class dojo for any further updates regarding important dates this term.

## How you can help your child at home

### Class Dojo

The majority of communication with parents is through Class Dojo. Please ask for a login if you have not already signed up.

### Common Exception words and phonic phase words

Your child will have word lists. These are common words that your child should be able to read and spell by the end of the academic year.

### Reading

Spend time with your child reading. He/she will be bringing home his/her school reading book but don't feel that is the only book you can read with your child. If you prefer, choose a book from home or a library book and record that in your child's reading record. Books will be changed when it is felt that your child is ready.

### Maths

Practising number formation  
Number bonds to 10 and 20