



St Margaret Clitherow Primary School

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The teacher in Year 1 is Ms Handa. She is pleased to welcome your children into Year 1 as they start the new school year.

We do remind all parents to ensure that all possessions and clothes are **clearly marked with your child's full name** - scratches and other marks are not sufficient; this also includes P.E kits.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As a Catholic School, St. Margaret Clitherow is committed to educating our children in the beliefs and rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Prayer is a very important aspect of this education and each day will start and end with prayer, either in the classroom or in assemblies.

Celebration, too, is a key area of our faith and assemblies and Masses will be celebrated throughout the year, in school and in the church of the English Martyrs. Your children will also be planning and taking part in collective worship as a whole class and school. As parents, you too have a responsibility to attend Sunday Mass with your children and to ensure the observance of Holy Days of Obligation about which the children will learn in School. The children will be looking at areas of our faith using resources provided by the diocese of Westminster. More information can be found on the diocese website (www.rcdow.org.uk) in the education section. The first topic is 'In the Beginning'.

It is essential that school, parish and home links are maintained and strengthened and we welcome your co-operation and support.

ENGLISH

Language is taught across the curriculum and English is one of the core subjects of the National Curriculum. The school is now following the National Curriculum in Literacy. In Year 1 the children will cover the following basic work as well as all the other language work which will flow from other curriculum areas.

Year 1 children will also develop their understanding of phonic sounds in preparation for The Phonic Screen Check which all Year 1 children undertake in the Summer Term.

READING

The children will be asked to reinforce and apply their word level skills through individual, paired, shared and guided reading for pleasure and for a purpose. These skills are core to the Literacy National Curriculum and are developed at other times throughout the day. Parents are reminded of the Home Reading Record which all children take home on a weekly basis. **It is vital you hear your child read daily** and sign this. You are encouraged to make a comment if possible.

GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION & SPELLING

Grammatical awareness will be developed through sentence level work, construction and punctuation. Children will complete a spelling test once every week based on word lists that follow a spelling pattern. Parents must ensure that children learn these words each week in preparation for the test.

WRITING EXPERIENCE

Children will be asked to draw on their own experiences or from stories they have read. They will:

- make simple books incorporating title, layout, author, etc.
- make simple planning lists.
- Write sentences and simple stories.

MATHS

We are now implementing the Mathematics Curriculum in year 1. Mathematics is another of the core areas of the National Curriculum. Mathematics skills will be taught separately but every opportunity will be taken to link mathematics to everyday life and practical situations. We use a range of resources and materials to teach Mathematics.

TOPIC WORK (Creative Curriculum)

The children in Year 1 will complete 1 topic every term. Subject areas including History, Geography, Art and Craft and Design and Technology will be taught through these topics. The topics being covered this year are "Continents", "Toys in the past" and "Seaside holidays in the past". An overall theme that will be integrated into each topic is "All about Me."

PE AND GAMES

The children in Year 1 have one 90 minute session of dance/gym/games/athletics each week. The PE sessions will emphasize changes in shape, direction, level and speed using the floor and apparatus, working alone and working with partners. During the year basic skills for a variety of small games will be taught.

After school clubs are available for children to learn such as: Kung Fu.

FOR REASONS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THE CORRECT AND LABELLED PE KIT IN SCHOOL FOR THESE LESSONS.

ART AND CRAFT

Most of the work in Art and Craft will be connected to topic work. The children will develop their knowledge and understanding of art/craft. They will communicate in visual form using a range of media, what they observe, remember and imagine. The children will be looking at and discussing art from different periods, traditions and cultures and will begin to identify, compare and experiment with some of the methods used by the artists.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Most of the work in Design and Technology will be connected to topic work. In technology lessons, children will be encouraged to work with others in the design and making of artifacts and systems. They will review the ways in which their design has developed during the activity, justifying decisions and appraising results in relation to their intentions.

COMPUTING

There are interactive whiteboards in each classroom and there are laptops/lpads which are used during ICT lessons. We are following our scheme of work for the new computing curriculum.

SCIENCE

The children in Year 1 will complete 1 science topic every half term. The topics being covered this year are: Plants, Animals and Humans, Seasonal Changes, Everyday Materials. Every opportunity will also be taken to link Science to topic work throughout the year.

MUSIC

This year, Music is taken one day a week by Mr Turner. Through practical activities, students are encouraged to develop their musical skills. Students are exposed to a wide variety of musical styles. Activities range from singing and playing percussion instruments to composing and learning about different types of music such as jazz, classical and rock 'n' roll.

Hymn practice is also held once a week where all students come together as a whole school to sing a variety of hymns and songs. Music is an integral part of Class Assemblies, Christmas Assemblies, School Masses and End of Year Productions.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH EDUCATION – (PSHE)

The children will have individual PSHE however, PSHE is incorporated into many other class lessons. Many important aspects are reinforced outside timetabled lessons. The school also offers a Breakfast Club from 8.00 – 8.30 each morning.

HOMEWORK

In Year 1 homework begins during the first half of the Autumn term. Homework will consist of spellings, mathematics, reading, passport target practice, key recall facts and times tables. From the beginning of the school year, one reading book is sent home on a Monday. As always, the best way you can help your child and us, is by hearing him/her read. From the Autumn term, Year 1 will have a weekly spelling test; spelling lists will be sent home termly for children to learn. **Book bags need to be brought into school each day.** There is only one book to be sent home weekly.

BIRTHDAYS

At St Margaret Clitherow we aim to make each child's individual birthday a special one. On Friday afternoons, we will acknowledge each child's birthday and Year 6 prefects will present children with a birthday certificate in their classroom.

On the day of your child's birthday, they will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes. If your child's birthday falls on the weekend or holidays, they may wear their own clothes on the first school day following.

Birthday cakes and sweets are not permitted as we are a healthy school. Should you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in school, we suggest donating a book for our school library. This book will bear a special sticker commemorating your child's birthday.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Children can only benefit fully from their schooling if they attend regularly and are on time. If your child is absent from school a note of explanation must be sent in when he/she returns.

Leave of Absence must be sought for any child to be absent from school during term time. Such permission can only be given under exceptional circumstances for up to 10 days. However, if this exceeds 10 days without permission your child will risk having their name deleted from the school register. Also in such cases, it may not be possible to give work to be done during that absence since the work children do outside school is connected to the lessons taught in class.

Children arriving late at school disrupt lessons which may have already started. This makes a bad start to the day for the child who is late and who has missed important instructions. If your child is late, he/she must first report to the school office where a record of latecomers is kept. Parents/guardians of children persistently late will be asked to discuss the situation with the Head teacher or Education Social Worker.

BEHAVIOUR

We expect very high standards of behaviour and consideration from all children in St Margaret Clitherow School and any instances of misbehaviour will be dealt with immediately they are seen or drawn to our attention. Parents will be contacted in all cases of repeated or serious misbehaviour so that we can work together to resolve the difficulty. Full co-operation between home and school will ensure that children can learn and we can teach in an atmosphere free from interruption from which we can all benefit.

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

The School Rules:-

Tell the truth - Have respect for yourself, others and property – I will always listen and take turns – Nice words only – Keep safe and walk.

The Playground Rules:-

Stop when the bell goes – And walk to your class line – For class points, wait quietly – Everybody walk safely into class.

Good social behaviour, both in and out of the classroom will be noted and rewarded by certificates at the weekly certificate assembly.

We are always pleased to see you if you have any matters concerning your child that you wish to discuss. Please contact the office, head teacher or your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time.

We hope that your child will have a happy and successful year at St. Margaret Clitherow School.

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