



Year One Newsletter

Spring 2 2019



Dear Parents/Guardians and children,

Welcome to Year One Spring Term Two. We are now into the second half of the year - it doesn't feel like that at all. Time really is flying! I hope you have all had a lovely break, I know you will be keen to get back to learning! If you have any enquires or problems, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us.

Mrs Moon, Mrs Hey and Miss Thomas

To find out more about each subject please read below.

English - In English we will complete a unit of work on Information Texts. We will base this around the book 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French. Throughout the unit, we will use this book to work on prediction, comprehension and spelling and grammar. We will then plan, draft and edit our own information text about worms and finally publish our pieces of writing in a class book. As part of this unit, we will also be establishing a class wormery.

Maths - At the start of this half term, we will complete our work on height and length before moving onto weight and mass. Throughout this unit, we will learn how to use the language of lighter and heavier, experience measuring mass using non-standard units and compare mass. We will then move onto capacity - where we will experience measuring and comparing the capacity of different vessels.

Religious Education - Our RE topic for this term is 'Following Jesus'. In this unit of work we will consider how Jesus chose his disciples and what makes a good friend. We will also hear the story of 'The Good Samaritan' and reflect on the message this story has for us. We will also be focussing on Easter - specifically thinking about Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Science- Our Science work this term will again be based around plants. We will also look at seasonal changes from Winter to Spring and what happens to plants and animals at this time of year.

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

Topic - Our Topic work this term will continue to be based around Antarctica as the children are really enjoying this subject. **After this we will move onto our next topic - Amazing Women.** We are studying this unit because of International Women's Day on Friday 8th March. Throughout this unit we will study 6 inspirational women through time and the impact they have had on the world.

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** - Each week the children will receive phonics homework that is related to the sound/s they have been learning that week.

* **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

Mon 4 th March	School reopens World Book Week Parent readers in class
Tuesday 5 th March	Poet/Storyteller John Row visits
Weds 6 th March	Liturgy of the Ashes: Hall
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	International Women's Day
Weds 13 th March	Parents Evening
Thurs 14 th March	Parents Evening
Tues 2 nd April	KS1 Mass: Hall
Friday 12 th April	Whole School Mass - 2pm - Hall and Church School closes

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 Tuesday (with Mrs Moon) and a Thursday (with Mr Douglass). 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.