

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a restful holiday and are feeling refreshed!

Key Dates:

24th Sept Individual photos

30th Sept British Library Trip

8th Oct - Harvest service at the Church

27th Oct– 31st Half term

3rd Nov Inset day (no school for the children)

26th Nov Young V and A trip

8th and 9th Dec Parents Evening

16th Dec Nativity Performance

19th Dec Christmas service at the Church / Last day of term

Reminders:

- **PE:** Our PE day this term is **Friday** (Coach Johnny).
- Please wear your PE kit on Friday. The correct kit is a navy T-Shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, or black plimsolls for indoor lessons.
- **Homework:** numbots (10 mins a week), spelling shed (3 games).
- Please make sure your child reads for at least **10 minutes per day** and records something in their yellow Reading Record.
- Guided reading books will be changed on a Friday. Please **re-read your books** on the days that books are not changed. This is very important.

Additional optional homework ideas:

- Maths - what items can you count at home?
- Writing - can you write your own story?
- R.E - can you draw a picture of God's creation? Can you retell the creation story?
- Computing - can you practise logging on?
- Science- what animals do you know? Where do they live? What do they eat?

If you would like to meet me to discuss anything, please feel free to make an appointment for after school.

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'Love each other as I have loved you' – John 15:12



Year 1

Autumn term curriculum letter

Our science topic this term is
Animals including humans: Q - Are they all called 'animals',
even if they are so different?



Our humanities topic this term is
Changes within living memory: Q - How has life changed?



Humanities

In this unit, we will answer the question 'How has life changed?' We will learn about the past, present and future and share memories from our lives. We will also make comparisons about old and new objects, asking questions about what they are used for. In Geography we will learn about human and physical features and use precise geographic terms to describe them accurately. We will also be looking at maps and learning some of the features of maps. We will also notice and record changes in the seasons as the term goes on.

Art and DT

Our art unit is drawing. We will explore techniques and materials to draw including drawing thick and thin lines, patterns and shapes. In DT we will design our own car and build it using wheels and axles.

Music

In music we will be learning about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch using old-school hip hop. We will sing, play, improvise and compose music.

PSHE

We are learning to understand about different types of feelings, how we manage different feelings and about change or loss and how this can feel. We will use our 'zones of regulation' scheme to help regulate our emotions and feelings.

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Literacy

We will start the term with story telling and writing our own story based on an African-American story called 'The Sweetest Song'. We will also be using the book 'Man on the Moon' as a stimulus and write a retelling of the story. We will focus on writing sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be using our phonics knowledge to spell.

RE

In this unit we will answer the question: What responsibility has God given people for taking care of creation? We will know and retell the creation story and where it comes in the bible. We will explore what the story of creation tells us about the world and what it might mean for a Christian. We will then talk about what we can do to take care of the world and what difference it can make for everyone. After half term we will learn about Christian saints and the importance of the Nativity Story.

PE

In PE we are learning how to control, track and receive a ball and throwing and catching beanbags and balls. We will consider the effects of exercise on their body and will improve our fitness with an End to End challenge.

Science

Our Science topic for this term is 'Animals including Humans'. We will start our unit by learning the names of our different body parts and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

We will then explore some of the animals that live around our school, looking carefully at what they like to eat and where they like to live. We will explore the different structures of animals and learn to classify them as fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Last of all we will learn that animals eat different things and learn about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Maths

In maths this term we will be exploring numbers and place value to 20. We will consolidate our counting showing one to one correspondence and comparing numbers using the <, > and = signs. We will identify the number of tens and ones in a number and will begin to learn how to add and subtract numbers including recalling number bonds to 20.

Computing

In computing this term, we will become familiar with the term 'technology'. We will learn to classify what is and what is not technology. We will focus on learning how to log in and access the resources we need to support our learning. Please support your child to learn their usernames and passwords.