



Class 1 Newsletter September 2020

A warm welcome to all new children and their families, and to our super grown up Year 1's! It has been an interesting few days back at school as we try to adapt to the ongoing coronavirus situation. We are trying out some new ways of working, particularly with respect to homework, and this will be reviewed regularly. The children have responded brilliantly to the new routines, and I have been very impressed with them all! Well done Class 1!

Our topics for this term are:



'Amazing Me' - This topic provides an introduction/reintroduction to school life focusing on the well-being of all the children. As we settle into our new class we will be exploring friendships and how to get along with each other.

We will be reading stories with familiar settings, and writing lists and labels. In science we will be learning about the parts of the human body and our senses.

'What was on Grandma's and Grandad's Christmas wish list?' - This is a history based topic. Children will be discovering how their toys are different from those that their grandparents played with. In English we will be looking at the features of information books and reading stories with repeating patterns.

Our R.E. topics for the term are:

Myself - God knows and loves each one

Welcome - Baptism: A welcome to God's family

Birthday - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday



Uniform



Please check that all items of school uniform, particularly jumpers and cardigans, are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Items of clothing often get mixed up or misplaced, and it makes it much easier to return them to the right child if they are all named.



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Homework

Weekly homework will consist of :-

- A printed phonics sheet. I will send this term's sheets home altogether - one sheet per week. Please do not complete more than one sheet a week as we may not yet have taught the sound in school. Children will be provided with a folder to keep their phonics sheets in. Please keep this folder at home - children do not need to bring this back to school to be marked.
- Topic homework grid. This contains a variety of homework activities linked to our topic. Children can choose one piece of topic work from the homework grid to do this term. These are designed to be enjoyable activities to do with your child to support their learning in school. Again, due to the coronavirus situation, children do not need to bring evidence into school that they have completed this work. We trust you Class 1!!!
- Year 1's only - an additional piece of either maths or English homework. This will be in the form of a game on Education City. Log into your Education City account and click on the homework tab. We will also provide reception children with an Education City login (more details to follow), but they will not be set homework on it.

Reading books



Please try to read with your child several times a week. As children read and reread the same book they will begin to build up a sight vocabulary and improve fluency and expression. Your support at home really makes a difference to your child's learning. Please could you write the name of their reading book in their yellow reading record, and sign it each time they read. We will regularly check the reading records, and each time you sign to say that your child has read at home with you they will receive a stamp in their book. When they achieve 50 stamps they will receive a bronze star reader badge. Children can change their reading book on Monday and Friday. Please only bring books into school on these days.

If you have any concerns or queries about anything in school, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

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