



Headteacher: Jane O'Brien

*'Through God's love,
 we strive to be the best we can be'.*

September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable Summer holiday. I am very excited to be working with your children and am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. The staff that will be working alongside me are Ms Clark and Ms Peters.

Your child's topic this half term is: **Use of everyday materials** (Focus: Science)

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas:

Literacy	<p>Focus texts: <i>Beegu (Alexis Deacon) and How to find gold (Viviane Schwarz)</i></p> <p>These texts will be used throughout the term to teach children about character development and setting in a narrative fiction. Children will be learning to write for different purposes including about fictional personal experiences, non-fiction and real events.</p> <p>In addition to this, children will be taught Phonics daily, spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPaG) and handwriting three days a week.</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Daily counting - forwards and backwards in 1's, 2s, 5's and 10's to 100's from different starting points. ➤ Numbers – comparing ordering, more, less and number patterns ➤ Addition – ways to add, addition stories and solving word problems ➤ Subtraction – ways to subtract, subtraction stories and subtraction word problems ➤ Ordinal numbers – to read and write ordinal numbers in words and numbers and solve missing number problems ➤ Length – comparing lengths; measuring and recording lengths and heights ➤ 2D shapes – shape name, shape pictures, shape patterns and shape sorting
PE	<p>Tuesday – 2.30pm -3.30pm and Wednesday – 2.30 pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>PE kit – black shorts/ jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and trainers. (Children will come into school wearing their school uniform and leave school in their PE kits)</p>



PHSE	Focus: New Beginnings ➤ Class rules and getting to know each other ➤ Learning to solve problems
RE	Faith: Christianity Unit name: Why did Jesus teach the Lord's prayer as a way to pray?
Spanish	Spanish will be taught once a week by Spanish teacher Senor Enric.

Homework

Homework will be sent out every Friday and returned the following Thursday. Please sign the sheet and return it with the homework book. Spellings will be given weekly as part of the homework and will be tested every Thursday.

Reading

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 15 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log to say that they have done this. Please also discuss the book's plot and characters as well as the meaning of new words. This will help to develop comprehension skills. Please remember to reread the whole sentence once a tricky word has been solved. This helps to develop fluency. Books will be changed every Friday therefore, please return your child's red bag by Thursday so homework can be checked and books can be changed and ready to be given out on Friday.

'In the spotlight' Display

I would like to display some pictures of any extra-curricular activities that your child might be involved in outside of school e.g. football clubs, ballet, swimming etc. Children will have an opportunity to talk about their talent before it goes on display. This will enable us to celebrate children's talents and achievements as a whole class.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to find a suitable time to come and talk to me or any of the other adults who work in year 1.

Yours Sincerely,

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