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Year One Class Newsletter

Autumn Term

September '23

Welcome back to school!

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year at St. George & St. Martin Catholic Academy. We hope everybody has had a safe and happy summer! We are thoroughly looking forward to teaching a new class, getting to know your children and supporting them in making strides in their learning. This newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning.

The Autumn Term is always a busy one, but we will be starting in our local area. We will be exploring houses and homes, both past and present. This will be compared to London, learning about famous people from these special places and some special events.

Here is a taster of just some of the things the Busy Bees in Year 1 will be doing!

English

- Recount
- Labels, lists and signs
- Poems with pattern and rhyme

Use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to write simple sentences to retell stories.

Sharing our Class Author Julia Donaldson.

R.E.

- Creation.
- Families & Celebrations
- Prayer
- Advent
- Class Saint—Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Other Faiths

- Judaism—Festivals

Art

- Primary and secondary colours
- Exploring the Great Fire of London through Art.
- Class Artist—Paul Klee

Types of Homes



D & T

- Joining structures.
- Designing and making models of houses.

R.H.E

Developing friendships and interacting with others. We will focus on sharing and ways to solve problems.

History

- The Great Fire of London.

Days to remember:

- Reading books changed throughout the week.
- Homework given on Wednesday to be completed in homework books and returned by Monday.
- Spellings given out each half term and tested at the end of each half term
- Reading Diaries in bags everyday!
- P.E. on Monday and Thursday

Just a reminder.....

- * ALL items of clothing to be labeled with your child's name, including ties.
- * NO jewellery on P.E. days

Maths

- Comparing and ordering numbers.
- Writing numbers to 20 and beyond.
- Addition and subtraction problems. Using the + and = signs.

Phonics

- Revisit Phase 2
- Phase 3
- Phase 4

Geography

- Own address
- U.K. countries and seas



Computing

- Using technology safely

Science

- Everyday Materials



Can you help?

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week?

We are currently looking for new volunteers to listen to children read in school.

PARENT AND GRANDPARENT HELPERS NEEDED.

Your help will make a huge difference.

Please see me after school if you would like more information.



Question or Queries.

If you have any question or queries don't hesitate to contact us for an informal chat. We all want the children to have a very productive, enjoyable year and the best way to ensure this is to nip any 'small' problems in the bud before they become 'big' problems.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ⇒ **Friday 6th October: Individual & Sibling photos**
- ⇒ **Thursday 19th October: Harvest Service**
- ⇒ **Wednesday 25th October & Thursday 26th October: Parent's Evening**
- ⇒ **Monday 30th October—Monday 6th November: Half Term**
- ⇒ **Friday 1st December: Year 1 Class Assembly**
- ⇒ **Monday 4th December: Year 1 visit Northwood Day Care Centre**
- ⇒ **Wednesday 20th December: Nativity Service**

How can you help your child at home?

It is so important to read with your child at home. We ask that you help your child with their reading daily and sign their reading diary each time.

Encourage your child to look for numbers in the environment e.g. house numbers, car number plates, etc.

Encourage your child to count and develop an interest in numbers.

Support your child to write numbers.

Encourage your child to write their full name.

Support your child to complete any written work in a neat legible handwriting, using the correct letter formation.

Read books and visit the library together with your child to foster a love for reading.

Diaries

Please remember to sign your child's diary when you have read with them at home. It helps us to know how they are doing at home. Please support your children to practice spellings and complete homework tasks at home.



IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC IF YOU WOULD SEND IN.....

😊 A water bottle everyday, so that your child has ready access to drinking water.

😊 If your child has a winter cold, please send them with a packet of tissues.

