



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Autumn Term 2021 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to Year 1!
Year 1 Team: Miss Bradburn, Miss Bullen, Mrs Rooney, Mrs Sutton and Mrs Edgar.
Key Stage 1 Phase Leader: Mrs Kohler

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: Our focus topics will include addition, subtraction, money, measuring and time. We will be practising number formation and recognising numbers to 20 and beyond. The children will be encouraged to use number lines for sequencing, addition and subtraction. A variety of mathematical language will be used within lessons, such as more than, less than, equal to, fewer, and altogether. Please practise recognising and writing numbers and encourage your child to count on and back from a given number.

English: This term in English we will be reading 'Percy the Park Keeper—After the Storm', by Nick Butterworth, which links to our Focus Theme 'Seasons Come, Seasons Go'. We will also be looking at captions, stories and poetry. We will also have daily phonics lessons. In English we will be focusing on forming our letters correctly and producing neat handwriting. This will be reinforced twice a week in handwriting lessons. We will be learning to use capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and our phonics sounds in our writing.

Religious Education: In RE we will be learning about Harvest. We will also learn about creation and God's wonderful world.

Science: This term our Science focus will be the seasons and looking at weather changes. The children will go on nature walks and identify a number of trees and flowers in our environment. They will learn to identify the signs of Autumn and Winter and changes in our weather.

Computing: Please could you help your child learn their username and password to log on to Purple Mash at home. We will be developing our knowledge and use of Purple Mash and finding out about the workings of a computer and technology outside of school.

Topic (History and Geography): In History we will be looking at the history of toys and how these have changed and developed over time. In Geography we will be looking at mapping skills and drawing simple routes.

Music: This term the children will be learning to feel and move to the beat. They will be using their bodies to produce sounds and rhythms.

Physical Education: This term we will be practising the fundamental skills in PE. These include throwing, catching, rolling, skipping and jumping. We will also practice gymnastic skills including rolling, jumping, and balancing.

Art and Design: In Art we will be learning about primary colours while looking at the work of Mondrian. The children will also be creating exciting nature sculptures and patterns inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

Design and Technology: The children will learn about moving toys and will design, create and evaluate their own moving picture, using a sliding mechanism.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): The children will learn about the importance of friendships, rights and responsibilities and understanding our emotions.

Autumn Term Focus Theme:

Seasons come, Seasons go!

Focus Reading Text:

'Percy the Park Keeper—After the Storm', by Nick Butterworth

Recommended Websites:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk www.topmarks.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

@MrsRooneyclass @BradburnsMiss @1BuMissBullen

Home Learning: Most home learning is now set via Purple Mash. Please make sure that your child checks their 2do's in Purple Mash for information about home learning.

Spellings: Children will be given a spelling list every Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents/Carers are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

We ask parents/carers to sign and date reading records every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week). This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. Reading records must be brought into school on your child's allocated day for teachers to monitor.

Children will have their reading book changed in school every week.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high-quality texts in class, including 'Reading for Pleasure' books, and 'Related Reads', which are linked to their focus theme.

Please also visit our website to view our 'Reading Round-Up', 'Author of the Month', 'Reading Challenges', 'Reading Wall of Fame', 'Reading Rabbits' and 'Patron of Reading'.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Maths: All children have now got access to **Maths Whizz**, which is a virtual maths tutoring programme [link](#).

Please encourage your child to use these online programmes on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Autumn Term 2021 Diary Dates:



Monday 6th September	School opens for Autumn Term 1
Monday 20th September	PTFA AGM
Friday 24th September	Non-Uniform Day for September Birthdays
Tuesday 5th October	Virtual Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 8th October	PTFA Family Night
Tuesday 12th October	Individual and Siblings Photographs
Thursday 14th October	Virtual Parents' Evening 6 – 8pm
Thursday 21st October	Non-Uniform Day for October Birthdays
Thursday 21st October	School closes for Half Term
Monday 1st November	School reopens for Autumn Term 2
Friday 26th November	Non-Uniform Day for November Birthdays
Thursday 2nd December	PTFA Storytime with Santa event
Friday 10th December	KS2 Christmas Disco
Friday 17th December	Non-Uniform Day for December Birthdays
Friday 17th December	School closes for Christmas holiday

Autumn Term 2021 Worship Themes:

w/c 06.09.21	New Beginnings
w/c 13.09.21	Courage
w/c 20.09.21	Giving/Harvest
w/c 27.09.21	Angels
w/c 04.09.21	Serving
w/c 11.10.21	Christianity around the world
w/c 18.10.21	Healing
w/c 01.11.21	All Saints
w/c 08.11.21	Remembrance
w/c 15.11.21	Fair
w/c 22.11.21	Prayer
w/c 29.11.21	Advent
w/c 06.12.21	Joy
w/c 13.12.21	Celebration

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games:

Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

PE Uniform: PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, and navy/black shorts, or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in inclement weather.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 5.00pm.

Pets: Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms (new or continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or sense of smell) they must self-isolate and arrange a PCR test. Please inform school immediately of the result.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black. Long hair should be tied back. We discourage extreme haircuts eg: unnatural colours, closely shaven, mohawks

Earrings: Children are not permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

Snacks: Children may bring in a snack of either toast or a piece of fruit for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars are not permitted at playtime. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

Birthday Celebrations: We will continue to invite children to wear non-uniform on the last Friday of the month of their birthday. As restrictions have now been lifted for parties, children will not be required to bring in a party snack.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that you child's class teacher is provided with medication that is within its expiry date and is clearly labelled. You will be required to complete a medical form from the school office.