



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope that you find this newsletter a useful tool as we start a new year. We are looking forward to the exciting topics we are going to cover this term.

Our Curriculum: *(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)*

Mathematics: We will be consolidating basic number skills including number recognition to 100, finding 10 more and 10 less than a given number and counting on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be looking at number bonds to 10 and 20, whilst continuing to consolidate addition and subtraction methods to 20. Year 1 will also be counting forwards and backwards from different numbers, multiplying, dividing and using directional language. We will be solving number problems involving money, time, measure and real life situations. In addition we will be learning about fractions of number.

English: Our focus reading text for this term is 'Toby and the Great Fire of London', by Margaret Nash, linked to our History topic. We will explore recounts, diaries, poetry, instructions and traditional tales. Our phonics sessions will focus on more complex phonic patterns and words. We will be focusing on punctuation, handwriting and writing more complex sentences (using conjunctions and adding more detail to our writing). In Year 1 we will continue to work on writing in sentences; using finger spaces, starting with capital letters and ending in full stops. Please reinforce this at home.

Religious Education: In RE we will be learning about Jesus and his disciples. The children will be learning about the life of Jesus through reading stories, drama and craft activities.

Science: Year 1 will be sorting and classifying lots of different materials. Each class will plan an investigation to test the properties of different materials. Our Seasonal Changes observation will continue throughout the year, where we will be monitoring the weather and building up the children's knowledge of seasonal flora and fauna.

Computing: We are continuing to develop our computer skills including using the keyboard, mouse and navigating around the desktop. We will be using Publisher to create a newspaper and poster which will link with our topic work on the Fire of London. Zanimate will be used to create a picture from the past.

Topic: Year 1 are currently looking at the Great Fire of London and looking at reasons why the fire started and spread so rapidly. This will link to and extend our knowledge of materials used in buildings and houses long ago.

Music: We will introduce basic recorder skills and focus on performing to an audience.

Physical Education: Year 1 will be developing our basic skills in gymnastics and Invasion games. The first Intra School Sport challenge this term will be the Speed bounce challenge. The second half-term's challenge will be the 'Drop-Step-Catch' challenge.

Art and Design: We will be using painting techniques to create an Easter textile and looking at the artist Rachel Reynolds.

Design and Technology: This Spring term, we will be planning, designing, creating and evaluating a structure for our teddy to live in, which must be waterproof. This will make super cross curricular links to our learning of materials in Science.

Spring Term Focus Theme: 'London's Burning!'

Focus Reading Text:

'Toby and the Great Fire of London', by Margaret Nash

Recommended Websites:

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Phonics- www.phonicsplay.co.uk

English- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1

Maths- www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years

Computing- www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE

@kfinchclass

@StWilfridsMusic

@BradburnsMiss

@StWilfridsSport

@MrsRooneyClass

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and 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. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

Homework: Your child will be given a homework book. Inside there will be a homework grid including a variety of activities to complete. Please hand homework books in on Wednesday, these will be returned each Friday.

Spellings. Children will be expected to learn their spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test each Monday.

Library: Your child will also have the opportunity to visit the library every week. They will be able to choose a book to take home. This will be a book that they can enjoy and share with you, and may not be at their reading level.

A message from the PTFA...

"We have had a fantastic Autumn Term and have raised lots of funds that our children will be able to take advantage of throughout the year. All of our Christmas events were very popular and the Christmas Fair saw it's highest profit to date. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have shown their support for all of our events, as well as school staff and the PTFA team for their continued commitment. We look forward to the next term of activities and events and would welcome new members to join us." Katie Ashcroft (Chair)



