



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Spring Term 2022 Term Newsletter

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to the exciting topics we are going to cover this term.
Year 1 Team: Mrs Rooney, Miss Bradburn, Miss Bullen, Mrs Edgar and Mrs Sutton

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: We will be consolidating basic number skills, addition and subtraction within 20, money, time, shape and measure. We will also be introducing multiplication and division, positional language and 3D shapes. There will be lots of opportunities given to the children to do reasoning and problem-solving activities to further develop their learning.

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).

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: Year 1 will be learning about algorithms and how to create and debug simple programs on Purple Mash. We will also learn about using technology and the internet safely.

Topic (History and Geography): We are learning about the Great Fire of London and exploring the causes and effects of the fire. In Geography we will be learning about the UK and its four countries, capital cities and their special characteristics.

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

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

Art and Design: We will be using printing 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.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): We will be learning about the roles in their community and the skills required for jobs. We will also look at how to keep safe online and in the environment.

Spring Term Focus Theme:

London's Burning!

Focus Reading Text:

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

Recommended Websites:

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

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

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic

@StWilfridsSport

@MrsRooneyclass @BradburnsMiss

@Missbullen1bu

Home Learning: All home learning is now set via Purple Mash. Please make sure that you check 2email 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 **four** 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 **every day**, for teachers to monitor.

Children will be sent home with **two books a week**. One is a reading book based on their reading level. The second book is based on the phonics sounds they have learned that 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

Spring Term 2022 Diary Dates:



Wednesday 5th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
Friday 7th January	Non-Uniform Day for Perryn House Point Winners
Friday 28th January	Non-Uniform Day for January birthdays
Saturday 5th February	Launch of 'Saturday at 4' worship at St. Wilfrid's Church
Friday 18th February	Non-Uniform Day for February birthdays
Friday 18th February	School closes for Half Term

Monday 28th February	School reopens for Spring Term 2
Friday 25th March	Non-Uniform Day for March birthdays
Friday 1st April	School closes for Easter holiday

Parents' Evening TBC

Spring Term 2022 Worship Themes:

w/c 4.1.22	Epiphany
w/c 10.1.22	Fair
w/c 17.1.22	Unity
w/c 24.1.22	Special People in History and their Christian Faith
w/c 31.1.22	How do we see Jesus in other people?
w/c 7.2.22	Kindness
w/c 14.2.22	Love
w/c 28.2.22	Lent
w/c 9.3.22	Serving
w/c 14.3.22	Peoples of the World- living life as a Christian
w/c 21.3.22	How do we praise God?
w/c 28.3.22	Palm Praise

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 Wednesday. 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 4.30pm.

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.

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.