



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1.

We hope that you find this newsletter a useful tool as we start a new year.
We welcome all our new children into our classes and we look forward to working with you.

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 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 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: 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 and jumping. We will also be moving and travelling in different ways in Dance.

Art and Design: In Art we will 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.

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 @KFinchclass @BradburnsMiss

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.

Children will have their reading book changed every Wednesday. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book on this day.

We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries 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 diaries must be brought into school on your child's allocated day for teacher's to monitor.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high quality 'reading for pleasure' texts and 'recommended reads' linked to their focus theme during the school week.

Homework and Spellings:

Spelling lists for Autumn Term 1 have been sent home and uploaded to your class folder on Purple Mash. (Children in KS1 will also have a spelling book). Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

An English and Maths homework task or activity will be also be set via Purple Mash every Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday.

Topic Homework: Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year via Purple Mash.

If you are unable to access Purple Mash, please let you child's class teacher know by contacting the school office.

