

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Reception/Year 1 class. Reception parents, this letter is in addition to the letter given out at our meeting last Thursday.

I am delighted to say that the children are settling in really well and are making new friends. They are following the routines of the day brilliantly.

This letter primarily goes through the subjects and topics that will be formally taught; in addition children's interests will also be picked up during their Child Initiated Learning time (free flow). All children will participate in free flow. The first term of year 1 is designed to be a transition period from The Early Years Curriculum to the National Curriculum.

Phonics

Phonics is taught daily. Sounds taught will be sent home for children to practise.

English

The Year 1 child will build on their writing skills started in Reception. Our focus will be 'the sense of a sentence' using a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and a full stop at the end.

We will be learning to write stories and fiction texts like instructions through the Pie Corbett approach. Orally learning the story and then changing aspects to create our own class/ individual story.

Reading books should be in school every day. When your child starts to bring books home they will be given designated days to change their books. Your child will read at least twice a week to an adult in school.

Maths

Number is a big focus we will be leaning about;

- 1:1 correspondence,
- Counting to 10/20 both forwards and backwards from any given number.
- Writing and reading numerals to 20 in digits and words e.g. 1 one, 2 two.
- Matching numbers to objects as well as adding groups of objects to make a new total and learning to subtract.
- We will also look at shape this term.

RE

Our themes are 'Beginning with the Church' and 'Advent to Christmas'



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Science

Our topics are Animals including Humans/ Seasonal Changes

Geography

Focus: Mapping Skills - UK - countries & cities

Art

Self portraits

Homework

Homework for this term will be reading, spellings and handwriting.

Packed Lunches

Our school has been awarded Healthy Schools Status. If your child is having a packed lunch, we do not have bars of chocolate or crisps except on Friday, as a treat.

How you can help at home -

- Practise letter sounds and words that are sent home.
- Read daily with your child and sign the reading record.
- Look at letters and words on signs.
- Take regular trips to your local library and borrow some books.
- Write birthday cards and shopping lists to encourage writing for a purpose.
- Look at numbers in the environment such as number plates etc. take walks and observe the world around you, using all of your senses.
- Talk about shapes in the environment.
- Play board and card games that encourage both number recognition and turn taking.
- Practise counting.
- Involve your child with cooking where possible and helping out around the house.
- Develop independence by encouraging them to sort their own things out in the house each morning.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Mrs Lorraine Stapleton and Mrs Josephine Leavey

