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St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

Year 1 newsletter - Autumn 1

We are delighted to share with you some key information for Year 1 for Autumn 1. Most of this information can be found on our school website and X page, so please check regularly for any updates. We are excited to welcome back our Year 1 children:

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and staff in Year 1: -

Mrs. Birchenall

Miss. Price



Mrs. Campbell

Miss. Dawe

Mrs. Kopera

Our classes are named after Saints.

We ask for the intercessions of these Saints throughout the school year, to protect us, and help us to grow in wisdom in Year 1.

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St. Luke



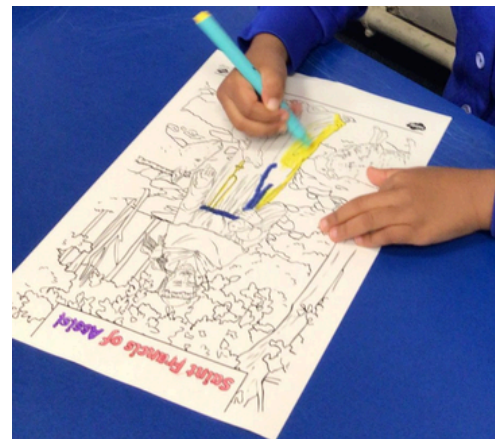
St. Luke is one of the Gospel writers and he also wrote the Act of the Apostles. Luke was a gentile, so evangelised that Christ was not only the Jewish Messiah but the saviour of all mankind.

1F

St. Francis of Assisi



St. Francis was an Italian friar who lived in Italy in the 13th century. He was born to a wealthy family but joyfully committed his life to a life of poverty. He viewed all of nature as a mirror of God, and so called all creatures his brothers and sisters.



Our RE learning this half term

We will be studying the following units in our RE lessons: -

Creation

This unit is designed to develop the children's appreciation of themselves and the world around them as part of God's creation. It also helps the children to reflect on the need to thank and praise God for his many gifts.

Families and Communities

This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of what it means to belong to, and celebrate as, a family. The unit will focus on the Mass, the stories of the Presentation and Finding of Jesus in the Temple and the Wedding Feast at Cana as important celebrations in the life of the Church and Jesus.

Year 1 Curriculum Map

Stunning Start

Show and tell to the class on 'My Family' to create a start a project showing how God has given us a great big family!

Science- Seasonal Changes

To observe changes across the four seasons.
To observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

English

Whole Class Reading

Terrific Texts

Tug of War by Naomi Howarth

Writing Opportunities

To recount my summer holiday.
To recount the story, 'Tug of War' by Naomi Howarth e.g.:
innovate the animals / setting with repeated patterns.
To write a poem with a theme – Autumnal / Harvest.
To write a non-chronological report linked to Science on seasonal changes.

Spoken Language opportunities / Oracy

To role play stories with a repeating pattern.
Daily discussion about the weather and seasonal changes.

Music- Pitch and Tempo

Children will learn to clap the rhythm of their name and clap in time to music. They will be able to sing the overall shape of a melody and play in time to music. Additionally, they will copy and create rhythms based on word patterns and play on the pulse.

Computing - Improving Mouse Skills

Key objectives:
To use computers more purposefully.
To log in and navigate around a computer.
To drag, drop, click and control a cursor using a mouse.
To use software tools to create art on the computer.

Other Reading Opportunities

Oliver Jeffers stories
Non-fiction texts on seasonal changes

Year 1

R.E.

Unit A: Creation

Unit B: Families and Celebrations

PSHE Health and Wellbeing – Kapow
Describe how they feel using appropriate vocabulary, recognising what different emotions might look/feel like. Learning weather safety.

RSE Unit 1- Created and Loved by God
Module 1:
Religious Understanding
Story Sessions: Let the Children Come Me, My Body, My Health

MFL- Numbers to 5,
Weather and Seasons
French songs.
Vocabulary for weather and seasons.

Art- Catherine Rayner
Artist study – illustrator
Children will create art in the style of Catherine Rayner, focusing on drawing with different styles of lines and using oil pastels.

P.E. - Dance and Running
To explore running using different parts and different techniques and begin to understand how to run effectively.
To explore dance using different movements and techniques.

Maths - Place Value
Sorting, grouping and representing objects, 1 more and 1 less.
Counting on from any number. Comparing numbers and using number lines.

Family & Community

The human person is not only sacred, but social

Virtues:

Curious & Active

Scripture Focus:

"Those who say they love God must love their brother and sisters."

1 John 4:19-21

Prayer Focus:

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

Glory Be

Big Question –

What does family look like?

Geography - Weather NPP UNCR 12 & 29

In this Geography unit, children will explore:

Substantive knowledge – How different types of weather impact our surroundings. Explore the impact of hot and cold weather in daily life. Discuss measures to stay safe in different types of weathers and ideas that caring for our environment includes learning from others who have found ways to live harmoniously with nature in extreme conditions.
Disciplinary knowledge – Explore the Arctic and its inhabitants, understanding and preparing for the weather using the weather forecast and exploring different climates.
Procedural Knowledge - Throughout the unit, students develop procedural knowledge by engaging in activities such as researching different countries and climates.

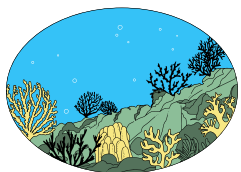
Other Opportunities

Black History Month & Whole School Project
Science in Creation

Marvellous Middle

'Finding my Marvellous School Family' – a scavenger hunt around school to find all the members of our school family and which can be added to our Families and Community project.

This curriculum map shows the key topics that we will be covering in Autumn 1 and you may like to do more of this with your child at home in order to support their learning in school.



Homework

Homework supports children's learning and is an important extension of the work we do in school. Following our curriculum maps will help you, as parents, to understand school better and give you the opportunity to help your child at home.

Homework - reading

We expect children to read to an adult at home every day. Our younger children are learning to read using the Little Wandle phonics scheme. They need to practise their blending of sounds and word reading all the time at this age. You can help at home and then sign the reading diary.

Year 1's will be issued with a **new reading book on a Tuesday**.

Please read with your child throughout the week and return the book on a Monday ready for their book to be changed.



Homework - spelling

Spellings Autumn 1

<p>Week 2 (to be tested on 13.9.24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • misses • what • chain • she • shark • love • goat • me • the • a 	<p>Week 3 (to be tested on 20.09.24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • frog • they • thinks • some • green • were • paint • were • do • to
<p>Week 4 (to be tested on 27.09.24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • day • said • cloud • you • boy • like • read • push • said • says 	<p>Week 4 (to be tested on 04.10.24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • magnet • all • rabbit • of • spray • one • proud • here • are • were
<p>Week 5 (to be tested on 11.10.24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bird • girl • pie • tried • blue • true • human • your • was • is 	<p>Week 6 (to be tested on 18.10.24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • both • Mr • child • Mrs • basic • acorn • fever • ask • his • has
<p>Week 7 (to be tested on 24.10.24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • take • could • time • would • home • should • rude • cute • you • they 	

Homework - maths

We are about to re-launch our x-table rockstars again, with a massive competition all the way up to Year 6. Research shows that quick recall of multiplication and division facts is essential for helping children do well in their maths learning.

Your child will soon receive their x-table rockstars password.

We will then be looking to see who is going on every night and improving their x-table knowledge.

PE

PE days – Autumn 1

Year 1

Thursday – Dance

Friday – Locomotion (running)



On PE days - the children come in wearing their PE uniform.



This is the gold t-shirt, royal blue shorts, dark navy or black tracksuit bottoms and plain trainers. Please ensure that any jewellery is taken off for PE days for your child's (and others) safety. All long hair must be tied back in a ponytail.

Before School

CLUBS

After School

	Mini Athletics	Mondays 8:00 - 8:45am	Years 1-2
	Gymnastics	Tuesdays 8:00-8:45am	KS1 + KS2
	Karate	Wednesdays 7:45-8:30am	KS1 + KS2
	Karate	Thursdays 7:45-8:30am	KS1 + KS2
	Karate	Fridays 7:45-8:30am	KS1 + KS2

	Create Club	Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	KS1
	Boys Football	Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Years 1-2

Dates for this half term – Year 1

Autumn theme -

Autumn 1 Virtues

2nd September 2024 - all day

3rd September 2024

WB 3rd September 2024

6th September 2024 - 9:30am

8th September 2024

13th September 2024

WB 16th September 2024

19th September 2024 - 3:15pm

20th September 2024 - 9:00am

20th September 2024 - 10:30am

26th September 2024 - 3:30pm

27th September 2024 - all day

30th September 2024

October 2024 - all month

October 2024 - all month

October 2024 - all month

3rd October 2024 - all day

3rd October 2024 - lunch time

3rd October 2024 - 3:30pm

4th October 2024 - all day

4th October 2024 - 9:00am

WB 7.10.24

9th October 2024 - all day

10th October 2024 - all day

15th October 2024 - all day

16th October 2024 - 9:15am

18th October 2024 - all day

18th October 2024 - 6pm

WB 21.10.24

21.10.24 and 22.10.24

22nd October 2024 - all day

22nd October 2024 - 3:30-6:00

24th October 2024 - 3:30-6:00

24th October 2024 - normal time

25th October 2024 - all day

Families and Communities

Curious and Active

NSET day - school closed to children

Children return to school at normal time 8:30-8:45am

Nativity of Our Lady - we would like art work depicting Mary from all cultures

Whole School Mass for the Birthday of Mary - parents welcome in old church

Education Sunday

Class Leader elections for all year groups (incl School Council / Spiritual Council...)

Super Science Week in School

PTA welcome meeting for new Reception parents

Macmillan Coffee Morning run by School Council in the canteen

Cake sale for children - £1

PTA event - Film Club for Years 1, 2 and 3

Children in **St. Vincent de Paul House** - wear **white** non-school uniform

x-table Rockstar launch day - dress as a rockstar!

Pray the Rosary

Black History Month

Collection for Harvest - please send food and self-care items in for our harvest

National Poetry Day Competition

Themed Lunch in the canteen

PTA AGM meeting

Y1F Non-school uniform day for their class Saint - St. Francis

Year 1 Prayer Service for parents

Dyslexia Awareness Week

School Photo Day

Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day - wear yellow

Children in **St. Teresa of Avila House** - wear **blue** non-school uniform

Year 1 Mass in Church (Y2 to attend) - Parents welcome

Y1L Non-school uniform day for St. Luke feast day

PTA Fundraising in Parish Centre - Food Culture evening

School Book Fair in school - please support our book fair

PTA enrichment event in school for all children

Children in **St. John Paul II House** - wear **red** non-school uniform

Parent Consultation Evening

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Children finish today for October half-term (normal finish time)

INSET day - School closed to children