St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Class 1 Curriculum Overview Autumn 1

Class Novels /Texts

In Class One we read several stories per week, however we do closely link certain texts to our work in English. This half term these will include: The Colour Monster, The Little Red Hen and Five Minutes Peace.

English

Our reading and writing will quickly start to develop this term. The Reception children will be learning how to read and write for the first time, and our Year One children are going to become much more fluent readers and writers.
We will be looking at narrative stories with familiar settings with a focus on the story of 'The Little Red Hen.', seasonal poetry and non-fiction texts that demonstrate the use of labels, lists and captions.
We have daily discrete phonics and reading sessions following 'Success for all phonics' in Year groups. During daily, discrete lessons we will learn to read and spell using the taught phonemes.
Each child in Year One will be given 5 spellings per week to learn. We ask you to practise these at home.
We will have daily funky fingers and dough activities in Reception where we work on our dexterity and ability to write. We have daily handwriting sessions as part of our SFA phonics sessions too. We now have new mnemonics for these too. A copy of these will be shared with you via seesaw.

R.E Topic

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving).
The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

Maths

The children will cover number this term. More specifically place value and addition and subtraction. They will be reciting and counting with numbers up to 5/10/20 and beyond, reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 5/10/20 and beyond.
They will be learning about fact families and number bonds and will be comparing numbers using the language of more/ less than and equal to.
They will then move onto geometry: shape. They will look at the recognition of 2D and 3D shapes, sorting shapes and patterns.

Science

This term we will be finding out all about animals including humans. Our initial focus will be on the human body.
Throughout the year we will also learn about the weather associated with each season and the changes this brings. We start by looking at the changes we see as we transition from Summer to Autumn.

Wider Curriculum Opportunities:

Weekly forest Friday sessions with Mrs Palmer with links to our history/ science and geography topics. Local walk linking to our Geography unit– Our local area. Borrowing Library books. Baking bread. Vote for a story of the day. Mc Millan Coffee morning. Road safety week. Kidsafe.

Wider Curriculum

History/ Geography:

We start by looking at our own lives and where we live. We study 'The Great Outdoors' and will explore our school buildings and grounds as well as our village of Withnell. We will find out where we live in the county, country and the world.

PSHE:

Reception will enjoy a topic called Myself, whilst Year One will explore 'What is the same and different about us'.

Computing:

Digital Media and online safety.

Art/Design Technology:

The focus for this term is Drawing:

The children will be experimental, mark making, line drawing. Taking line for a walk, creating shapes etc. Using different media to repeat the exercise. Creating different textures. The children will create an observational drawing of natural forms.
They will study the artist: Willem De Kooning

Music:

Through the music unit called 'Me' the children in Reception will Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs.
In Year One the children are completing a unit called My musical heartbeat where they continue to explore pulse.

P.E.

Dance
Fundamental skills