

ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Year 1 Newsletter



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School

“DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL”

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back

We would like to welcome parents and children to year 1. We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. It is a very big step from Foundation to Year 1. Miss Wilkins (1MW) and Miss Holmes (1CH) are the teaching team this year and will be supported by teaching assistants, Mrs Reynolds and Miss Iris. We are all looking forward to starting the new school year with you and your children.

CURRICULUM:

This term, our topic is called 'Fire Fire!'. The children will be learning all about The Great Fire of London. We will be looking at how the fire started, the history of London and even researching who breathes fire! The children will be reading a variety of books, such as Fire Cat and The Egg, to support their learning and literacy progression.

This exciting topic will also create opportunities for special events with the children. We always enjoy seeing work and research the children have done at home. The children are allowed to bring in items linking to their topic for show-and-tell, however we do not allow the children to bring in toys to show.

After half-term, we will be rehearsing for our school nativity play in preparation for Christmas. Each child will have a role in the play.

This term we have lots of exciting events planned for the children including WOW days and One Life visits.

Please see the list of dates at the end of our letter for key events this term to avoid missing out on these wonderful opportunities.

RE:

At the heart of our learning, we focus on three main topics in RE this term:

Family – Children will explore the meaning of family and look into different families from around the world. The topic gives the children the chance to look at the different families they know and identify the different families they belong to.

Belonging – The children will look at the different teams and groups we belong to. Moving on from families, the children will look at their belonging within different families and what it means to belong to a part of a team.

Waiting – This topic focuses on the upcoming celebrations of the birth of Christ and links to advent. The children will look into the meaning behind the advent wreath and calendar. It will also give the children the chance to reflect on the importance of waiting.

READING, HOMEWORK AND PHONICS:

At this age, we ask that the children practise their reading at least 5 times a week and this should be recorded in their reading organisers. It is the children's responsibility to change their own reading books. We encourage you to help and support your children with their reading at every opportunity. We also like to suggest regular library visits as this gives the children a chance to experience a wider range of books as well as giving them a chance to challenge themselves outside of school.

Spellings will be handed out on Thursday and the children will be tested the following Friday.
Homework will set for the children on Friday and will be expected to be handed in the following Thursday.

UNIFORM:

The children have come back to school looking really smart and we would like this to continue throughout the year. Please ensure your child only wears brown or black hair bands/clips/bobbles in their hair. Remember **no fashion hair styles** and no earrings. Shaven hair must be a grade 2 or longer.

We ask that you make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school ready for every Wednesday afternoon when we have PE. This will be sent home every half term to be washed.

We ask that all uniform and PE kits are labelled clearly with children's names. Staff cannot be held responsible for missing belongings. Labelling clothing will help to prevent loses.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please support your child by reading with them on a daily basis. Asking questions about the story will help to improve your child's comprehension skills. We also encourage parents to practise the weekly spellings and to learn the 100 high frequency words found in the children's reading diaries.

Encourage your children to go onto Mathletics as much as possible to earn points. This is a fantastic way to develop your child's mathematical skills.

We are looking forward to working with you this year. Please avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible as it is very difficult for the children to catch up on the work they have missed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th September – Return to school.

21st September – Grandparents day

25th September – Welcome to Year 1 workshop

1st October – St Teresa's Day

3rd and 4th October – Parents Evening

5th October – WOW day

10th October- INSET Day

16th October – Restart the Heart Day

23rd October- Choral Speaking

26th October- French Friday

12th November – Anti-Bullying Week

16th November – Children in Need

30th November – Parish Bazaar

3rd December- INSET Day

5th December – One Life

10th December – Pantomime

12th December – Nativity Play

20th December – Christmas Dinner

21st December – Fitness Friday/End of Autumn Term

Please contact us if you have any concerns or worries.

Year 1 team

Miss Wilkins and Miss Holmes