

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to you and your family. We are very excited for this new school term in Year 1 and all of the wonderful learning opportunities your child will experience. Our theme this term is Bright Lights Big City. This is a geography-based theme which teaches the children about human and physical characteristics of the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of the city of London. As part of this theme, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666 and find out why it was such a significant event.



In Maths this term, we will be covering a variety of topics, including number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, time, fractions, measurement and shape.



In English lessons, we will continue to follow the CLPE's Power of Reading scheme, which uses rich texts to inspire writing. We will begin by reading the short chapter book, Claude in the City, which links to our theme, before moving onto the picture book, The Dark. Your child will be exploring a variety of writing outcomes, including description, poetry, postcards, reports and narratives. We will be focusing on continuing to develop sentence formation.

In RE, our first topic of this term is based on the Local Church. The topic is entitled Special People and the children will learn all about the different roles people have at Mass. After this, we will begin our topic of Meals, based around the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



In Science, we will be continuing our topic about Animals, as well as seasonal changes. As Spring begins, we encourage you to talk with your child about how we know this takes place. Please explore animals at home and encourage your child to name and classify different animals, as well as talk about what animals need to survive.



The children will continue to take part in weekly Computing lessons. This term, we will be focusing on the topics of Lego Builders, Explorers and Animated Stories, as the children begin to explore coding and programming.

PE will be taught on Tuesday afternoons, so please remember to send your child into school wearing a full and correct PE kit.



Mrs Neal-Gonzalez will continue to teach the children Spanish on Thursdays.

Expectations of home learning remain the same this term. The children will be sent home with new spellings on a Friday and it is expected that they will practise these daily for 5 minutes. They should also read at home at least three times a week with this recorded in the Home School Planner, with a simple signature for each day.



Raffle tickets are rewarded to those children who meet reading at home expectations, with prizes awarded at the end of term. A learning log challenge will also be set each term: this will be a more creative, project-based homework.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jackson

Mrs Welsh

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