

### General Class Information

Mrs Niewiadomski will be supporting in Year 1 full time alongside completing interventions in an afternoon. Mr Forrester will also be working with some groups of children in an afternoon during their time in Year 1. For the Autumn term we also welcome Mrs Belicki to Year 1. Mrs Belicki is an associate teacher who will be teaching some lessons in the class (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) during her time with us.

### Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at home at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their Home/School reading diaries. Books will be changed once the children have read their books three times. A selection of reading books can also be accessed online on Bug Club (as in the Reception class). These will be updated when we think suitable.

### Spellings

Spellings will be given on a Monday and then tested the following Monday. These spellings will be put in to a simple dictation sentence and will form part of our English lessons.

These spellings will be a mixture of high-frequency words and phonetically decodable words linked to the phonics that we have been learning in that week. It is important that you practice these spellings with your child on a regular basis. The children will bring their spellings home so that you can see your child's achievements.

### PE

Our PE day is **Wednesday**. This day may change at short notice so it is advised that your child brings their PE kit into school on the first day of term and then leave it in school every day until the end of the half term. Correct P.E uniform for this is a navy blue t-shirt, navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings and pumps/trainers.

A reminder that earrings must not be worn for school at any time.

Here at St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy, we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to talk to myself then please email via

natalie.meakin@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk or you can make an appointment via the office to speak to me. I'm looking forward to working with you over the year.

Mrs Meakin



## Let's explore our local area

**Class: Year One**  
**Term: Autumn 1st half)**

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! I am so excited to get to know you all and grow together as a class. Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the first part of our Autumn Term. We will be working towards becoming more formal in our learning whilst still being able to have fun.

### Values and Virtues

This half term our virtues are 'Grateful and Generous.'

The children will be growing to be grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

### Religious Education

In RE this term, we will be exploring the creation story. We will be focusing on putting the creation story in order and then putting the creation story in our own order of importance. We will understand what God created on different days and then focus on how we have a responsibility to live out our lives in the image of God by using our talents.

We will also be learning about our class Saint, Saint Mary and towards the end of the half term, we will learn about the unit 'Families and Celebrations'. We will understand what it means to belong to, and celebrate as, a family.

### English

Our texts for this half-term will be Stickman, Little Red Riding Hood and Avocado Baby. Our main focus will be listening to, sequencing and retelling traditional tales. We will be understanding and using punctuation in our writing, including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

### Maths

In maths, we will begin using our new Power Maths resource. In Unit 1 the children will count to 10 and focus on 'one more' and 'one less' before learning how to use a number line to count forwards and backwards. Unit 2 introduces children to the part-whole model, focusing on different ways of partitioning numbers to 10. Children will use the part-whole model to help them write and compare number bonds. They will continue to use these skills in Unit 3, which focuses on addition.

### Science

This half-term, we will be investigating animals including humans. This includes focusing on 'All about us' and the human body. The children will learn about basic parts of the body and about their five senses. We will be working scientifically through investigations. Each week, we will focus on a different sense to develop our understanding.

### P.E

This half-term, Year 1 will have their P.E lessons on a **Wednesday**.

Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit for indoor and outdoor lessons .

### Art

During this half term we will be learning all about how to draw portraits. We will learn about some different artists, such as Vincent Van Gogh and Picasso and we will complete a range of different lessons to develop our drawing skills and draw portraits and self-portraits.

### Geography

This half term the children will be focusing on the local area. We will be exploring our local area and thinking about what we like and dislike about it. We will also be contrasting our local area to other areas of the United Kingdom and learning how to use a map and exploring compasses. We will understand the differences between a town, city and village and fingers crossed, we will be able to go on a local area walk, where we will hunting for certain buildings.

### Phonics

The children will continue to do phonics and have a daily lesson focusing on phase 3 sounds. Please support your child at home with their phonics by reading with them and helping them to practise their spellings.

### Music

Music will be taught this half term by our music specialist Mrs Amison.

### Homework

Homework will be set every Thursday. This piece of homework will have a different focus each week. Please return all homework into school by the following Wednesday. On-going activities will also be set on Purple Mash and also on Bug Club/Power Maths.