

### General Class Information

Mrs Niewiadomski will be supporting in Year 1 full time alongside completing interventions in an afternoon. Mrs Cooper will also be supporting some children in the Year 1 class over the next half term. Mr Forrester will 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 your child has read their book **three** times at home. Please sign your child's reading diaries as these will be checked at school.

### 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. It is important that you help your child to practice these spellings as this will allow them to make progress in their learning. The completed spelling sheets do not need to be returned to school (the children need to keep these at home so that they can continue to practise them over the week).

### PE

Our PE day will be **Tuesday**. Children need to bring their PE kit into school on the first day of term and leave it in school until the end of the half term. Correct P.E uniform for this is a navy t-shirt, navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers/pumps.

Earrings must not be worn at any time in school.

### Homework

Homework will be sent home every Thursday in your child's purple book. Please support your child in completing this (but please don't do it for them!) Homework books must be returned to school by Wednesday of the following week.

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](mailto:natalie.meakin@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk) or contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Meakin



## Toys from the Past



**Class: Year 1**  
**Term: Autumn**  
(2nd half)

## WELCOME BACK

Hello Year 1, I hope you have had a lovely half term. I just want to say how proud I am of how well you have all settled into year 1. You are all showing how amazing you are and I can't wait to continue to watch you all grow!

Please see a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the second part of our Autumn Term.

### Values and Virtues

This half term our virtues are **Attentive** and **Discerning**. We will be attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do. We will be attentive to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations. We will be discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.

### Religious Education

In RE this term, the children will be exploring **prayer** and **Advent**.

In prayer the children will be understanding that prayer is a special way of spending time with God and identify what they want to praise, thank and ask God for in prayer.

In Advent the children will be understanding that Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The children will be doing their own preparation and celebration for the season.

### English

Our focus for English this half term will be to understand nouns and to write with adjectives. We will be using the books Elmer, Stickman, The Jolly Christmas Postman and Dogger. We will be encouraging the children to be more independent in their writing and also be focusing on punctuation, including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

### Maths

In maths we will continue to follow our new Power Maths scheme. Our topics over the next half term include number bonds to 10, addition to 10, subtraction to 10 and 2d/3d shape. Throughout the addition topic the children will be adding more, solving addition problems and finding missing numbers. Throughout the subtraction topic the children will be breaking numbers apart, learning about fact families, subtracting on a number line and solving subtraction word problems. Our shape topic will involve naming and recognising 2d and 3d shapes, sorting shapes and making repeating patterns with 2d and 3d shapes.

### Science

This half-term, we will be investigating materials. This includes naming and sorting different materials, investigating different materials and their properties and performing tests on materials on their uses. We will be learning all about glass, plastic, wood, metal, rock and water.

### P.E

This half-term, Year 1 will have P.E lessons (dance) on a Tuesday with Miss Georgina. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times. If your child wears their PE kit for an after school club then it needs to be returned to school the following day. PE days can change at very short notice so all kits need to be in school every day.

### D&T

During this half term we will be designing and creating our own toys to link to our history topic. We will be designing, creating and evaluating puppets and cup and ball toys.

### History

This half term the children will be focusing on toys past and present. We will be comparing toys from the past to toys we have in the present and creating timelines. The children will learn all about how toys have changed, the materials of toys from the past and also how school days have changed from when their grandparents were at school.

### Phonics

The children will continue to do phonics daily, focusing on phase 3, 4 and 5. Please support your child at home with their phonics by reading with them and helping them to practise their spellings. Your child will also receive on-going activities on Purple Mash to complete.

### PSHE/RSE

Our PSHE topic for this half term is Celebrating Differences. We will also be completing some work on Anti-Bullying during Anti-Bullying Week. In RSE the children will be learning about special people in our lives.

### Music

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