

General Class Information

Well done to every child in year 1. You have all settled in so well and have made the transition perfectly. The effort each child puts in to every lesson is amazing to see and I am excited for this next half term.

Mrs Niewiadomski will continue to support the class each morning and she will be completing interventions in the afternoon. Mr Forrester will continue to be in the class as a 1-to-1.

Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their reading diaries and their books will be changed once we have seen this in their diaries. If your child reads 3 or more times a week (Monday-Monday) then they will be entered into our weekly draw. Over the last half term this incentive worked well so please continue to keep up the hard work. Each child who reads at least 3 times a week will receive a certificate and one child will be drawn to win a prize weekly.

Homework and Spellings

Homework will be given out half termly by using a multiple choice grid. **One** piece of homework is expected each week. The homework will be taken in on a **Wednesday** for marking and returned on the Thursday. If your child's homework book is handed in before Wednesday it will not be returned marked until Thursday.

Spellings will be given on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. Please practice these spellings at home as they are assisting with the children's phonics. **Please send your child's completed spellings into school on the Friday of the test.**

Phonics activities will also be sent out over the half term to get the children ready for their end of year phonics assessment in June. This will either be set via purple mash or on a worksheet.

Here at St John the Evangelist's, we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to speak to myself then please email on year1-ks1@stjohnskidsgrive.org.uk

Yours sincerely
Miss Yates



Animals and Polar Regions.



**Class: Year One
Term: Spring 1
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Spring 1

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a fantastic and well-deserved Christmas break. Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the first part of our Spring term.

Values and Virtues

This half term our values and virtues theme is Curious and Active. This means that we are being curious about everything God has created and being active in our engagement with the world and changing what we can do for the better. We will complete work on Catholic Social Teaching to support these values and virtues.

Religious Education

In RE this term, the children will be exploring Christmas and Jesus: Teacher and Healer. In the Christmas unit the children will understand Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus and the events that happened both before and after and the impact it had on the people involved. In the unit about Jesus, the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of Jesus and his ministry as a teacher and healer.

English

The focus books for this term will be Lost and Found, The Snow Queen and The Snail and The Whale. Throughout the topic, the children will be focusing on punctuation including capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. The children will also be focusing on writing non-fiction pieces of work such as chronological reports and letters and we will be reading, retrieving information and writing. We will link some of our English work to our topic of the polar regions and write facts about polar animals.

Maths

In maths, the children will learn all about addition and subtraction and weight and volume. In addition and subtraction the children will focus on numbers to 20 and their number bonds to 10 and 20. For weight and volume the children will be measuring a range of different items to explore practically. We will be introducing 'assertive maths' which is a weekly test to check the children's understanding and knowledge of previous learning and recap all areas. These will be sent home each week so that you can see your child's progress.

Science

This half-term, we will be learning about animals. This includes identifying and labelling a variety of common animals such as fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, knowing how to care for pets and understanding the diet of animals and if they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.

P.E

This half-term, Year 1 will have their P.E lessons on a **Tuesday** and it will be run by our dance teacher Miss Georgina. Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is sent in on a Monday and they will bring it home each Friday.

Art

During this half term Year 1 will be focusing on polar region art. They will be learning how to create different moods with art using a range of resources. The children will also learn how to create a repeating pattern in art and learning about the artist Andy Warhol.

Geography

This half term the children will be focusing on polar regions. We will be looking at the Arctic and Antarctica and exploring animals that live there and their way of life. We will be discussing, comparing and gathering information about the polar regions. We will then focus on a contrasting part of the world and looking at differences in Africa.

Phonics

The children will continue to do phonics daily focusing on phase 3, 4 and 5. The phonics screening check will be done in the Summer term for all year 1 pupils so it is important that the children are practicing their sounds daily. **To help with this your child will bring home a set of phase 3 and phase 5 sounds cards. Please help your child to practise these daily.**

PSHE

The children will be focusing on their goals and dreams.