

St James the Great R C Primary School
Year 1
News Letter

6th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1 and we hope you had a great summer! We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Your child will have several members of staff working in the Year 1 class: the class teacher Ms Reyes, Ms Diane and Ms Debbie.

It is important that the children read every day. They should bring in their reading books and book bags every day. Please make sure that your child has a book bag as these ensure that our lovely school reading books do not get damaged. Children also have Home/School diaries that go home daily. In school, we use the diaries to write about your child's reading. We would like parents to use the books to write about their child's reading at home. Please write and sign your child's white reading diary and read the teacher's comments. Please note that the books may also be used for communicating about other things, such as homework.

Spellings will be encouraged through shared work in class. The spellings will be a part of the class' work on phonics and the National Curriculum for English. We will give your child a list of words they should learn and then observe them in their writing and reading to see if they are learning them. They may be learnt through practice of 'Look (read), Cover, Spell' and then check. A spelling test will be given to children on Friday and new spellings sent home on Monday.

PE will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Thursday**. Your child should come to school wearing a complete PE kit. The kit comprises of a white PE shirt, black plimsolls, black shorts or leggings. **Please put your child's name on the PE Kit and also their uniform, this makes it much easier for lost items to be returned to their owners.**

Homework will be given out soon with an explanatory letter. Please spend time with your child doing their homework and reading. It is very important to help your child encouraging them in their learning, .

There may be times that the timetable will need to change, so please allow for this. If you have any queries concerning the above or any matters you wish to discuss, please contact one of the Year 1 staff. Also, if you would like to help out in class, with topic work or trips, e.g. Reading, Art, Science and so on, please let the Year 1 staff team know. It would be wonderful to have parent/carers involved in their child's learning in class.

Collecting your child

For the safety of your children, it is important that the Year 1 staff know that they are being collected by the correct adult. So, please be patient at the end of the day and allow the children to line up before the children are dismissed.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Reyes, Ms Diane and Ms Debbie.



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English	To begin with this Year the children will be studying a book called 'This is London' by Miroslav Sasek. Children will study a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. This term children will be consolidating phonic teaching from Reception class. They will work on writing full sentences and adding capital letters and full stops.
Maths	Children will learn to count to 100 and add and subtract to 20. They will study shape and measure length and weight. Children will discover ways of solving problems and come up with mathematical problems of their own. They will learn about money and its importance.
RE	Family and Belonging. Children will learn how God knows and loves each one of us. God is present in every beginning and we are made in His image and likeness. Children will learn that, in Baptism we become a member of God's family.
Science	Animals including Humans. Through this unit children learn about their senses and how they can use them. They also learn that humans and other animals move and grow. Experimental and investigative work focuses on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exploring and using senses • observing and describing living things and communicating what happened in their work. Within this unit there are opportunities for children to consider how to treat each other and other living things with care and sensitivity.
PSHE	Children will learn about the internet and how to stay safe online.
History	Significant events and people in the past. Children will learn about important people in recent history and how this has affected the country. Children will learn about putting events and stories in chronological order that will link in with other subjects such as Literacy and Maths.
Art	Self Portrait In this unit children make a self-portrait to communicate ideas about themselves. They talk about images of children in drawings, paintings and photographs and artists' self-portraits in order to develop ideas about how they will portray themselves. They investigate a range of drawing materials and techniques and learn how to mix and use colour in a painting.
Computing	Children will learn general computing skills and identify common uses of technology in the home.
PE	Children will work with a specialised PE coach every Thursday and explore invasion games.
Music	Children will work with the specialised music teacher every Tuesday and explore playing wooden and metal instruments.

Year 1's PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Thursday and **PE kits should be worn to school.** As they are in KS1 Your child will need their full PE kit of white tee-shirt; black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and black plimsoles.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.