



Year 1 NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2

Homework

- Spelling:** Spelling activity sheet in their homework book.
Test each Friday!
- Maths:** Regular maths homework will be in their homework book on Fridays. Simple adding and counting tasks at home.
- Reading:** Read Phonics books at home. They will have already read the book multiple times at school so focus them building fluency (reading more smoothly) and on comprehension by asking questions about the story.

Reading for PLEASURE is just as important! Share a bedtime story with your child. Research shows that children who are regularly read to in the 5 years leading up to school age, are exposed to 1.4 million more words than children who aren't read to during those years. It's not too late to start now if you don't already.

Important Diary Dates

- 7th Nov - School opens for Autumn 2
- 10th Nov – Year 1 Collective Worship
- 5th Dec – Advent at St Anthonys
- 15th Dec – Y1/2 Advent Assembly
- 18th Dec - Carol Service in Church - 2pm
- 22th Dec - School closes for Christmas

Year 1 staff

Teacher: Miss Peacock
Teaching Support: Mrs Diakaki, Mrs Phillips & Miss Greenwood

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe the first half term has finished and we are back for the festive period. This half term is full of lots of exciting learning opportunities and advent activities. We are kicking off the half term with Year 1's first whole school Collective Worship about Remembrance Day. Parents are warmly invited to join on Friday 10th November at 2:30pm.

Please make note of the class email address which you can use to contact myself: year1@bsf-leeds.co.uk. I am also usually available at the start and end of the day. I look forward to working with you all this year and ensuring your children reach their full potential.

Miss Peacock

RE: Mary Mother of God we will know that God sent the angel Gabriel to ask Mary to be the mother of his Son
English: Rapunzel by Bethan Woolvin. We will be using this text to learn about and practice the suffix -s and conjunction -and.
Maths: Addition and Subtraction within 10 leading onto Place Value within 20.
PSHE: Celebrating Difference. We will learn to accept that everyone is different.
RSE: Created and Loved by God. We are created by God out of love and for love, it helps the children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

Science: Materials. We will group together materials by their features. We will be able to tell the difference between an object and what it is made from.
Geography: Castles. We will use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather.
DT: Delightful Decorations. We will design purposeful, functional, appealing products for ourselves and other users based on design criteria.
PE: Every Tuesday afternoon continuing with Look, Run, Avoid. Team games to develop simple tactics for attacking and defending.

School Golden Rules

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2. **Listen**
3. **Try your best**
4. **Be positive**



Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter 2



Dear Parents,

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November – a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God.

We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen*

In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church’s calendar:

1 st	November	All Saints’	30 th	Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
2 nd	November	All Souls	3 rd	Dec	First Sunday of Advent
3 rd	November	St. Winefride	6 th	Dec	St. Nicholas
11 th	November	St. Martin of Tours	8 th	Dec	Immaculate Conception of Mary
21 st	November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10 th	Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
			17 th	Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
22 nd	November	St Cecilia	24 th	Dec	Christmas Eve
26 th	November	Christ the King	25 th	Dec	Nativity of the Lord Jesus

The cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas: *Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.*

Year 1 - Mary, the Mother of God



The children will learn that God sent the Angel Gabriel with a message to Mary and learn why this is important. They will learn that God asked Mary to be the mother of his son and will have an opportunity to reflect on her response.

They will hear about Mary’s visit to her cousin, Elizabeth and reflect on the good news. They will begin to reflect on how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and learn that Mary is our mother in heaven and that she is looking after us.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reinforcing why Mary is important for Christians
- discussing the importance of mothers

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