



## Year 1 NEWSLETTER – Spring 1

### 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**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Jan - School opens for Spring 1  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Year 1 trip to The Royal Armouries  
9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 1 & 5 mass  
9<sup>th</sup> Feb - School closes for half term

### **Year 1 staff**

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term. It has been lovely to have the children back in school and excited to learn again. We will be adding to our knowledge of castles by learning about who built them and who lived in them. We are even going on an exciting school trip to The Royal Armouries. In art we will be looking at shapes and patterns in buildings ready to make our own mural.

Please make note of the class email address which you can use to contact myself: [year1@bsf-leeds.co.uk](mailto: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:** Families and celebrations. To be know that Jesus belonged to a family just like us.

**English:** Immersion of the animal detective text – Hermelin by Mini Grey. We will be using this text to learn about and practice the suffixes -s and -es and conjunctions -and, -because and -so.

**Maths:** Place value within 20 and then progressing onto addition and subtraction within 20.

**PSHE:** Dreams and Goals. To know how successful I am and how this can be celebrated positively.

**RSE:** Created to love others explores the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family,

**Science:** Seasons – Autumn and Winter. To know about the four seasons and make observations on how the weather changes.

**History:** Castles. To know who built the first castles in the UK and who lived in them.

**Art:** Buildings can speak. To develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space to create a building mural.

**PE:** Every Wednesday afternoon continuing with Inspire, Create, Perform. Perform dances using simple movement patterns.

### School Golden Rules

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



## Catholic Primary School

### RE Newsletter 2

*Be the light to those around you!*

Dear Parents,

4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 8<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as ‘The Light of the World’. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a ‘light’, an inspiration to those around us.



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:

6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Thomas Aquinas
8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco
12 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St. Blaise
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	8 <sup>th</sup> February	St Josephine Bakhita
25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Timothy and Titus		

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

### Year 1 – Families and Celebrations

*“The Christian family ... can and should be called a domestic church.*

*It is a community of faith, hope and charity”*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The children will learn about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. They will learn what it means to belong to the Church family.

They will hear how Jesus’ family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion. They will learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions.



#### At home

You could help your children by:

- discussing the importance of celebrations in our lives
- talking to your child about their baptism

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