

YEAR ONE CLASS NEWSLETTER











AUTUMN 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's, we hope that you and your family enjoyed a peaceful Summer break. The children have settled well back into their new class and we are looking forward to our year of learning together. Your support in ensuring that your child completes their Home Learning every week will continue to help your child to make accelerated progress and reach their full potential.

Curriculum

We will continue our Maths and Literacy learning by building on the key skills that the children learned last year. Our topics this term will be 'I am a Superhero' and 'Delicious'. We will be delivering a lot of the learning in Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology through our topics. We will also make links to the learning our topic learning in Literacy and Maths lessons. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in our curriculum.

English 	In English, we will be focusing on poetry and story writing. In our poetry unit, we will be learning the poem 'I am a Little Leaper' by Brenda Williams. Children will learn and recite the poem and they will also plan and write their own poem. We will also be learning the story of The Three Little Pigs, where children will join in by repeating sentences/phrases in the story. At the end of the unit, they will write their own version of the story. Throughout the term, we will carry on learning about sentence structures and punctuation.
Phonics and Reading 	Phonics and spelling will be taught daily. Spellings for the children's home learning will be set on Purple Mash every week. During the school day, we will be reading a variety of books with the children. Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Record.
Maths 	This half term, we will be focusing on Numbers and Place Value. We will be learning to read, write and count numbers to 20 (forwards and backwards), find one more/one less, order and compare numbers (within 20). In the second half of the term, we will be learning how to read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs. At the end of this half term, we will be launching our Times Table Challenge. As part of this challenge, children in Year One will be quizzed on doubling numbers to 10.
RE 	In RE, we will be learning about 'Why do Christians make and keep promises before God'. We will focus on Christianity and learn how values and promises from the Baptism service affect the way Christians try to live their life.
Topic 	In Science, we will be learning about our five senses. We will find out which part of our bodies we use to find out about the world. We will also explore everyday materials and find out which materials make a good superhero cape. In Geography, we will name and locate the four countries and capital cities of the UK. We will be linking our history lessons to Black History and our topic this term: I am a Superhero. We will be revisiting the work and life of Mary Seacole and thinking about why nurses are super.
Values 	We will be focusing on the whole school values of Respect and Peace . We will be exploring these values throughout this term and children will have the opportunity to learn how these values can be displayed, referring to examples from Bible stories and influential figures.
Comp Uting 	In Computing, we will be using a variety of programs to deliver our Computing curriculum to build-up our skills. The children will learn how to log onto the school computers and use them safely by following our school rules.
Music 	The children will be listening to, appraising and composing music using a scheme of work called 'Music Express', where we will be learning a song and performing it in many styles.

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2023

- September – we are welcoming any donations for our annual Harvest collection, please donate any non-perishable food items (tins, jars and packets) to support those most in need
- Fri 22nd September – Teddy Bear's Reading Picnic at 1:30 in the garden of St Mary's Church
- Tue 26th September – **SCHOOL PHOTOS**
- Wed 27th September 2PM – Harvest worship in St Mary's Church
- Fri 29th September 8:30AM – Parents are invited to visit our Prayer Day in St Mary's Church
- **Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October – HALF TERM**
- Sun 5th November 10:00AM – First Communion service at St Mary's Church
- Thu 16th November – PARENTS EVENING
- **Fri 17th November – SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day**
- Fri 1st December 3:10PM – Christmas Fayre
- Fri 8th December 1:30PM – KS1 Nativity Performance
- Tue 19th December – 1:00PM – End of Autumn Term
- Tue 9th January - Children return to school for the Spring Term

Key Reminders

- Please be on time at the beginning (8:40) and end (3:10) of the school day
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child



PE

Please note that the children must bring the correct PE kit (plain navy blue/black jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and plain black plimsolls/trainers) to every PE lesson. Our PE coach, Mr Tientcheu, will lead the children in the PE curriculum alongside their teacher. **PE lessons will be on Tuesdays.**

Jewellery

We advise that the children do not wear **any** jewellery to school although plain stud earrings and watches are acceptable. Please bear in mind that if your child is wearing earrings they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons.

Clothing

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. This applies to all items of school uniform, PE kit and coats. School shoes should be plain and black.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be set on Friday and should be completed by Tuesday. In addition to the learning set, your children should be regularly practicing their spellings and reading every day. **There is a clear expectation that every child fully completes their Home Learning every week and we will be keeping a record and contacting parents where this is not the case.**

Reading

It is vital that your child reads to you every day. Please complete their reading journal and ensure that they bring it into school **daily**. Your child will be given books, which we will aim to change on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns or would like some support with this, then please contact the school.

Appointments - If you have any queries or wish to make an appointment, please ring the School office on 0208 6902613 or email admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk

We greatly value your support with your child's learning.

Mrs Chetri (Class Teacher) Mrs Dikule (Teaching Assistant)