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YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2

St. Mary's Catholic Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to Autumn 2 in Year 1! We have an exciting half term ahead, including our Nativity performance. Here is an overview of what the children will be learning and some important dates and reminders.

Religious Education



In Religious Education, we will follow To Know You More Clearly, Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise. Children will learn why the Bible is special, sequence the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity and visit of the shepherds, connect Gabriel’s words to the Hail Mary and recognise Jesus as God’s Son.

Phonics



In Little Wandle phonics, children will begin Phase 5, learning alternative graphemes for familiar sounds. They will practise applying these when blending to read and segmenting to spell words and sentences.

Please continue reading together every day to develop confidence, fluency and enjoyment.
At Home: Regular reading at home will help children apply these skills with increasing confidence and fluency.

Literacy



Our key texts are Paddington, Over and Under the Snow and I Am a Rock. Children will use carefully chosen adjectives to describe characters and settings, sequence and write stories, produce a simple report and explore imaginative poetry. They will continue to reread their writing to check it makes sense.**At Home:** Share stories with your child each day, talking about what they can see in the pictures, what the characters are doing. Where the story is set. What they thought of the book – what did they like/ dislike? Talk about your families- who is in your family? Where do they all live?

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Maths

In Maths, we will focus on addition and subtraction within 10 using part-whole models, fact families, number bonds and practical problems. Children will also recognise, name and sort 2D and 3D shapes, describe their properties and compare and order objects using measurement vocabulary.

General Information

Across the wider curriculum, we will observe seasonal changes in Science; locate and compare England and Peru in Geography; revisit safe digital choices in Computing; explore weaving and pattern inspired by Maximo Laura in Art; and make marmalade sandwiches in DT. In PE, children will develop hitting, catching and running skills. Music will explore fast and slow tempo, while PSHE/RHE focuses on feelings, anger, life and change.

Important dates and reminders:

- Phonics Parent Workshop: **Wednesday 25th November, at 9.15am and 2.45pm**.
- Year 1 Nativity: **Thursday 10th December at 2.00pm**.
- PE is on **Mondays** and Swimming lessons are on **Fridays**.
- Please bring book bags every day.
- Please label all uniform and belongings. Earrings must not be worn in school.
- Daily reading at home: Please read with your child each day. Praise their effort, let them reread familiar books and talk about the characters, events and new words.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing the children's learning with you and celebrating the Nativity together this half term.

If you have any question please ask a member of the Year 1 Team