



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 1 Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter

2017 - 2018

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break. We look forward to another exciting and action packed term in Year 1. As previously mentioned Miss Sainsbury, a student from St Mary's will be with us until May half term. We hope you will join us in making her feel very welcome.

Please continue to email the office primary@srrcc.org.uk with any notices and your email will always be passed on.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morgan and Mrs O'Byrne



English

In our English lessons this term we will be looking at fairy tales; reading different versions and then creating our very own modern version. We will also discover repeated patterned stories, inspiring us to write our own stories.

We will explore the features of non-fiction texts; looking closely at caterpillars and butterflies.

A big focus in our writing will continue to be:

- Using capital letters for the names of people, places, days of the week and months.
- Punctuating sentences with question marks, full stops and exclamation marks.
- Keeping writing legible and at a good size.

Reading – Hearing your child read every night will ensure they are developing their word recognition skills. Regular reading provides them with multiple opportunities to read a text and build up their sight vocabulary as well as utilising their phonic knowledge. It is important that children develop their comprehension skills and at this stage this will be through your questioning. Please use the bookmark you were given at parents evening for support and encourage your child to complete their book. Also, please ensure reading record books are signed by an adult.

Phonics - We will continue to prepare for the phonics screening check in June. This is a list of 40 words that children need to decode on an individual basis with their class teacher. The list progresses from easier words to the expected Year 1 level using a combination of real and nonsense (alien/monster) words. The nonsense words are included to make sure that children are applying their phonics knowledge and not just guessing. This year the check will take place during the week beginning **12th June**.

Spellings – We will continue with weekly spelling tests, practising the phonemes we have already learnt in class.

Handwriting - We have now introduced all pre-cursive letters and will introduce the children to joined up writing.



Religion

In Religion this term, we further explore our Catholic faith as well as looking at world religions which see a focus on Judaism. We will learn the stories of Moses and Abraham and discover what makes a good leader.

We explore topics on Holydays and Holidays, Being Sorry and Our Neighbours. We will learn about Pentecost; the feast of the Holy Spirit and will know that the Holy Spirit enables Christians to pass on the message of the Good News of Jesus.

We will understand we have choices and sometimes we choose well and sometimes wrongly. We will learn that God helps us to choose well and to be sorry.

In the last half term, we will also discuss Our Neighbours and that everyone is our neighbour and is loved by God. We will continue to learn the prayer that Jesus taught us: the Our Father.



Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will be covering several key areas and a weekly abacus game will be set to consolidate each week's learning.

Children will learn to:

- Find 1 more, 1 less, 10 more, 10 less than any 2-digit number by exploring patterns on the 100-square.
- Understand place value in 2-digit numbers and identify 10s and 1s.
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- Compare weights and capacities using direct comparison and understand how to record results.
- Find half of all numbers to 10 and then to 20; identifying even and odd numbers.
- Recognise halves and quarters of shapes. Recognise, name and know value of coins 1p–£2 and £5 and £10 notes and use these to solve repeated addition problems.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Tell the time to the half hour and quarter hour on analogue clocks and begin to read these times on digital clocks.



Science

In Science this term, we investigate Plants. We will engage in a variety of activities including identifying common plants and trees in the garden and in the wild and sorting deciduous and evergreen leaves.

Watch out we will plant our own sunflower seeds and observe them closely over the term!

Computing

This half term we will look at what is meant by coding. We will introduce the children to Design Mode to have control over how a game looks and will write a program that controls how a character moves and stops when clicked.

In the last half term, we will be using 2Calculate, which is a simple to use spreadsheet. We will navigate around a spreadsheet and be able to save and open sheets and add data into cells.

History

Our topic work in the first half term is Kings and Queens. We will question what makes a good monarch and the lineage to the throne. We will also explore our own family trees. We will find out important facts about British Monarchs.

Our topic work will include a trip to **Hampton Court Palace (Wednesday 2nd May)** and will culminate in a medieval banquet (**Wednesday 23rd May**). Letters regarding both events will go out via parentmail, however please be aware that we would like pupils to dress up for the banquet (princesses, kings, knights, jesters etc).

Geography

Our topic next half term is the wonderful weather we have around the world. The topic will introduce children to hot and cold areas of the world and the impact of these weather types.

Art

In Art, children will be exploring portraiture. We will create several portraits based on different artistic styles and analyse portraits observing how the artist uses different techniques, colours and mediums.

Design Technology

In Design Technology, we will be exploring fabric and creating our own bunting. Children will evaluate existing products and then use a design programme to create their own. We will use techniques such as sewing, gluing and stapling.

Music

After their Primary Singing Festival success, Year 1 will be continuing to use their singing skills to develop a more advanced understanding of pitch, volume, tempo and texture. They will also use songs and games to develop their ability to sing in parts and also memorise, notate and recall rhythms.

French

With Miss Massey children will learn about shapes and colours. They will also cover French festivals such as Berck-sur-Mer kite festival and Bastille Day.

PE

The summer term sees the launch of an exciting dance challenge where pupils will have the opportunity to choreograph their own dances.

As Wimbledon season approaches, we move outside for children to develop their own bat and ball skills focusing on the game of tennis.

We also begin preparing for sports day in several multi skills disciplines.

Important Dates

Friday 20th April- Class Assembly 9am

Tuesday 24th April- English Curriculum Evening

Wednesday 2nd May – Trip to Hampton Court Palace

Wednesday 2nd May- Meet new Head of Primary and Admissions Talk for all Primary parents

Friday 4th May- St Richard Reynolds Feast Day

Monday 7th May- Bank Holiday

W/C 7th May- Important Delivery!

Wednesday 23rd May - Medieval Banquet/ House afternoon

Monday 28th May– Friday 1st June Half-term

W/C 11th June- Phonics Screening Check

Friday 6th July- Year 2 Class Assembly

Wednesday 11th July- Transition Day

Friday 13th July- Sports Day

Wednesday 18th July- House Afternoon

Friday 20th July- End of school year (1pm)