



# Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to Year 1. The children have settled into their new class extremely well and are becoming familiar with the new routines. We are very proud of them all. Year 1 is an exciting and busy year group, and so we want to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school matters through school letters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 1 through a newsletter so here is the first one of the year. Feel free to have a word with us anytime if you have any queries. Thank you.

Mrs Carson, Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Stephenson.



## RE

The focus of this term's R.E work is Loving and Belonging. We will look at the love of our families and how we all belong to the family of God. Our scripture work will help us to understand that God loves and cares for all of us, and takes care of everyone. We will learn that Jesus grew up in a family who loved and cared for him. We will learn about the sacrament of Baptism, which enables us to belong to God's family in a special way. We will also study Judaism where we will look at the stories of Abraham and Moses. In our Advent/Christmas, we will focus on Advent as a time of waiting and preparing.

## English

This term, in English we will be reading stories set in familiar settings, such as Peace at Last and traditional stories. We will be learning to form our letters correctly and to write sentences with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. The children will have daily Phonics lessons to learn their letters sounds to help them with their reading and writing.

**Spellings** will be sent home each Wednesday. Please help your child to learn their words each week.

**Reading** is very important in year 1. Please can you listen to your child read regularly and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day. It would be appreciated if you could write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with reading.

**Homework** is given on a Wednesday and is to be returned the following Tuesday.



## Maths

The main areas we will cover this term are Number and Place Value; Addition and Subtraction and 2D/3D Shapes. The children will be learning to form their numbers correctly and will be learning to write numbers to 20 in numerals and words. They will be practising their counting, forwards and backwards, to 100. **KIRFS** (Key Instant Recall Facts) – the children need to know key basic facts such as number bonds, and need to be able to recall and apply them in their Maths work. Regular short practice of these will be of great benefit to your child.

## Computing

We will be developing our knowledge and skills on to keep safe online.

## PE

In P.E. the children will be developing their co-ordination and basic movement skills.

## Science

During the first half term the children will be exploring the topic 'Humans' and will be finding out about the parts of the body and the five senses. We will then go on to study Animals.



The children will closely observe the changes across the seasons and will learn about the season of Autumn.

## Geography

In our topic work, we will be learning about our Local Area of Thornaby.

## History

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the term, we will be learning about the WWII hero and pilot, Douglas

Bader. 

## Art/DT/Music

Our Art and DT work will be linked to our topics. In Music, we will use our Charanga music scheme.

