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Catholic Primary School

"Love one another as I have loved you."

September 2018 Key Stage 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a good summer break. We are very proud of how well your children have settled into the new school year. It has been an absolute delight to be greeted each morning with so many happy, smiley faces.

We are writing to inform you of the curriculum that your child will be undertaking this year. The curriculum areas of literacy, science, history, geography, art, DT and music are covered throughout the topics listed below. We link Numeracy, ICT and PSHE if and when appropriate.

Term	Topic
1	Marvellous Me!
2	Pack your bags off we go!
3	Once upon a time
4	Life at night
5	Roald Dahl
6	Wild woods

P.E.

Children should have their PE kit in school at all times.

The P.E. kit should consist of navy or black shorts, a navy polo shirt and a plain black or navy tracksuit and trainers. Earrings must not be worn on P.E. days unless they are covered by plasters (before school) or your child is capable of removing them themselves. Children must have trainers for outdoor P.E. or they will not be allowed to participate. A spare pair of socks will be needed if your child wears tights.

Homework

Homework will be given out every **THURSDAY** and due in the following **MONDAY**. This will be a 'grid' style homework based on their topic at the beginning of a term. It will provide a variety of different activities for the children to choose from. Please only complete **ONE** activity per week. We may substitute this homework during the term with a piece of discrete maths homework.

In addition to this your child will receive spelling homework on a Monday and will be tested on the Friday. Homework activities should take no longer than 20 minutes. If the work is too hard for your child please write in their homework book so that we can help them in school.

Phonics Groups

In Key Stage 1 we mix the children into groups for their phonics teaching. This is so that we can make sure we teach your child the exact sounds that they need to know. This will mean the groups will have year 1 and 2 children in them. Please do not worry about which group your child is in – we will assess carefully and make sure your child is in the best group for them. Phonics sessions will happen five times a week.

Reading

Reading books will be going home everyday for the children to read at home. A member of staff will endeavour to hear the children read at least once a week in class. However this may not always be possible at busy times of year or when members of staff are absent. We will aim to change the books twice a week. Please be aware that children will also be taught reading skills through group guided reading sessions throughout the year.

Book Bags

Named book bags should be in school every day. Please make sure that the reading book and diary is in the book bag each day.

Absence letters

If your child is away from school for any reason, it is helpful if you can phone the school to inform us. However we do still require a **written letter of confirmation** for administration purposes. If we do not receive this, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Outdoor learning

Throughout the year the children will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of different outdoor learning activities, using our school woods. At times, activities can mean that the children will get quite dirty; therefore they will need a change of clothes for these sessions. The clothes should be old trousers, tops and jumpers/coats with either old trainers or wellies. A pair of gloves would also be useful. We will let you know when we are planning to do outdoor learning in advance. No kit required at the moment.

School Dinners

As you know all children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to free school dinners. Each morning please ensure your child knows whether they are having a hot school dinner or a packed lunch. **School dinners must be booked online through the parent pay system, 'School Money'.**

Please do let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

Key Stage 1 Team