

General Information and Reminders

PE

PE will take place on Fridays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Year 1 is taught by Mr Spadaccini.



Welcome to Year 1!



Trips

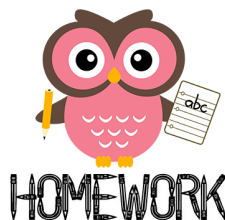
The Museum of Childhood - Wednesday 14th November

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings will be sent home on Thursday and tested on Wednesday. Certificates will be sent home with children's score and any spellings to continue practising.

The children will receive one main piece of homework each week in addition to regular reading at home. The reading diaries will continue to be used in order to carefully monitor progress in reading as well as being a useful home-school link.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 2nd November. There will also be a parent workshop on reading strategies held at 9am in the Year 1 classroom. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **In response to parent feedback, we have changed our policy this year for birthdays. We no longer give out cakes, sweets or any food/non-food items which are sent in from home.**



Autumn Term 2018



Year One

Class Teacher: Miss Allen

Support Staff: Ms Bettle and Mrs Maguire

Other adults working with Y1: Mr Pegden (music), Mr Spadaccini (PE) and Miss Louis (street dance)

Welcome to Year 1 and to a new and exciting school year.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term.

All the staff in Year 1 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to discuss these with me.

Kind regards,
Miss Sian Allen

Happiness Project

Throughout the autumn term, we will be running our whole school happiness project. We ran this very successful project in 2016 and maintained some elements last year in a less formal format. Each week introduces the children to a new theme which is aimed at helping to promote happiness. Some of the themes you will hear your child talking about are: giving, acceptance, resilience, mindfulness and trying something new.

English



Literacy will be taught through studying both fiction and nonfiction texts. We will be learning about how to write lists, labels, captions and instructions. We will also be writing about events and personal experiences linked to a variety of stories.

Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Counting
- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Measurement
- Properties of shapes

Computing



This term we will focus on sequencing instructions using BeeBots. We will also be learning how to log onto a computer and label the different parts of a computer.

RE



Why do Christians make and keep promises before God? We will be exploring the idea and meaning of belonging to a church or other religious community. We will be learning about Jesus' Baptism, infant baptisms and weddings. The children will be thinking about why these are important ceremonies and which promises are made and why. The children will think about what they celebrate and why. Our Christmas unit will focus on the importance of the characters in the Nativity, who they were, and how they impacted on the lives of others.

History



In our History topic we will be learning about toys of the past, present and future. We will be learning about the toys used in our grandparents' time and how toys have changed over time. We will also be studying the history of the local area of Hampstead and looking at how Hampstead has changed over time.

Geography



We will be learning about geographical features of the local area and how these geographical features are displayed on a map. We will also be looking at the physical and human features surrounding the school. The children will be looking at hot and cold areas of the world and where they are located on the globe. We will also be learning about daily weather and seasonal change.

PSHE



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 1st October 2018 and is focused on friendship and family. We will focus on what makes a good friend and how we can be good friends.

PE



Our focus in PE this term is on ball skills, working collectively as a team, using large and small ball skills in team games, developing hand-eye coordination and developing our communication skills.

Music



In music the children will be exploring sounds through voice, movement and instruments. They will investigate ways to produce sounds found in their school environment and explore ways that music can be used to describe the weather. We will also be learning songs based on our 'Happiness' project and songs about Toys.

Art



Children will do a range of pieces using different materials and techniques. We will also do small studies on different artists looking at their practices and disciplines, making links to the children's own work.

Design Technology

To link to their History topic the children will be designing and creating a clothes peg doll.