

General Information and Reminders

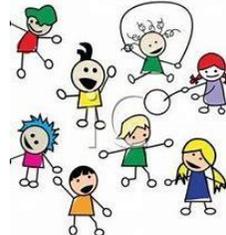
PE

PE will take place on Mondays and 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.



Trips/Virtual Visits

We are investigating possible trips for later in the term, including local area walks and the London Transport Museum.

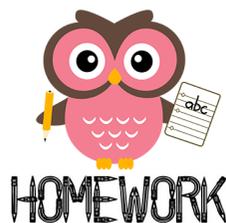
Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. Spellings will be sent home on Thursday and tested on Tuesday. Certificates will be sent home with children's score and any spellings to continue practising.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term.

The children will receive one main piece of homework each week in addition to daily 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.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for their ability.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Wednesday 20th October. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

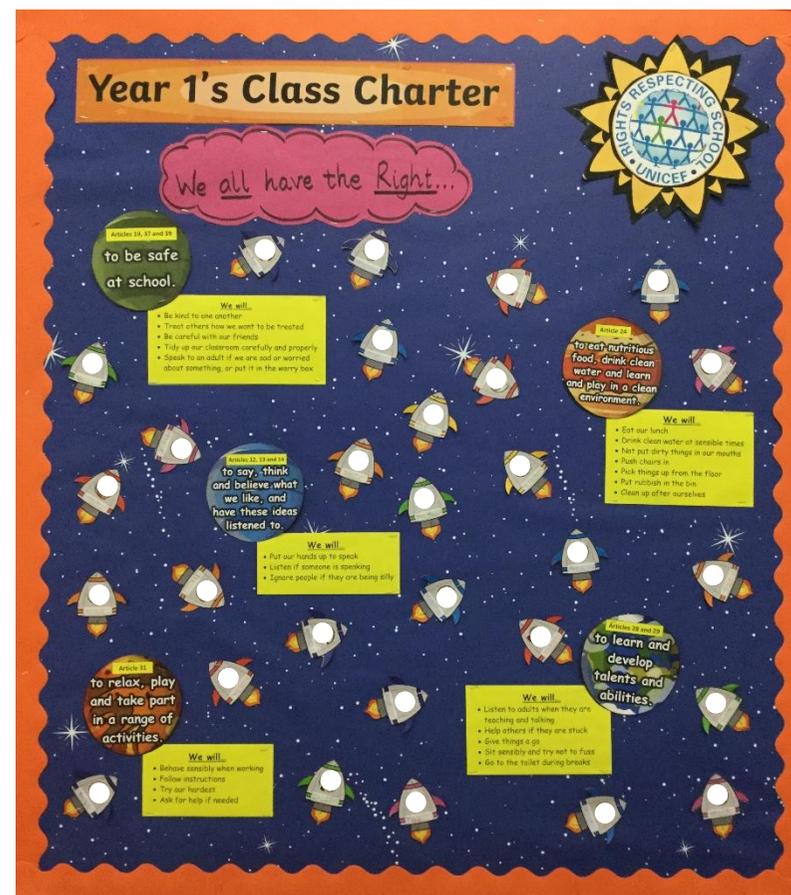
Reminders

- 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.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.



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Welcome to Year 1 Autumn Term 2021



Year One

Class Teacher: Mr Polidano
 Support Staff: Mrs Maguire
 Other adults working with Y1: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music), and Ms Miller (Computing and Happiness Project)

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 us.
 Kind regards,
 Mr David Polidano

Happiness Project

Throughout the autumn term, we will be running our whole school Happiness Project. We have been running our Happiness Project successfully for a number of years in different formats but this year we intend to cover the weekly themes in more detail. Some of the themes (which all aim to promote positive mental health and wellbeing) you will hear your child talking about are: giving, celebrating difference, resilience, simplicity and trying something new. We are also going to link our Autumn Christ Church Arts Project (CAP) to these themes, so keep an eye out for our amazing art work and our eagerly anticipated calendar!

English



English will be taught through studying both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be learning about how to write lists, labels, captions, looking at stories with repeating patterns, and writing our own narratives after looking at traditional tales, including some from other cultures. 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 and time
- Shape and data
- Money

Computing



This term we will focus on sequencing instructions using BeeBots. We will be learning how to log onto a computer and label the different parts of a computer. We will also start to learn about coding using a program called RodoCodo. As well as this, we will use the computers to create labels linked to our English topic.

RE



Why do Christians believe Jesus is special? During this unit, the children will learn that Christians believe that Jesus loves everyone; is God's son; was God born as a human, (Incarnation); works miracles including healing people and teaches people to love others.
Why do Christians make and keep promises before God? In this unit we will learn about the meaning of a church community, know what baptism is, know the meaning of Christian marriage and what is meant by the word 'promise'.
Why is each person important in the Nativity story? This unit will remind us if the core concept: Incarnation, help us to know the nativity story and its message, remember what Christians believe about the story, to know and remember why each person in the story is important, and to know and remember important vocabulary.

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 to locate the UK on a map and learn the names of the four countries that make it up. The children will be looking at hot and cold areas of the world and where they are on the globe. We will also be learning about daily weather and seasonal change.

PSHE



Our PSHE topics match well with our Happiness Project, this means we will have two PSHE weeks. The first will take place week commencing 8th November 2021, focusing on positive relationships. In year 1 children will be learning about how to communicate their feelings to others and how to recognise what is right and wrong. Our second will be the week after focusing on diversity and we will be learning about the role different people play in our lives. We will also think about the differences that make us all special.

PE



This term the children will be learning a number of different skills using various resources including throwing and catching to improve co-ordination and spatial awareness.

Music



As musicians it is vital that we can establish a steady pulse and use that as a foundation to play a variety of exciting rhythms to different tempos. This term we are going to be creating our own rhythms on percussion instruments and singing as a group to a variety of different pieces of music.

Art



Children will be investigating the possibilities of direct and overprinting using primary colours. They will also begin to represent texture by using different marks and begin to make accurate drawings of people.

Design Technology

Children will be designing and creating a nativity character finger puppet using a template and joining materials together. Children will then evaluate their designs and finished products.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!