

## General Information and Reminders

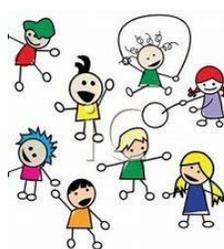
### PE

PE will take place on Mondays. 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

27<sup>th</sup> January - Little Angel Theatre.  
TBC - Jewish Synagogue

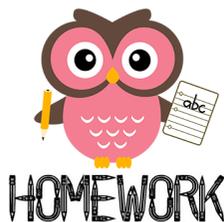
### Homework

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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. 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/email 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.
- **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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# Year One

## Spring Term 2022



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

Welcome to the second term in Year One. I hope you all had a wonderful, restful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. All the staff in Year 1 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child again this term. 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 Polidano and the Year 1 Team

## Retrieval Practice and Spaced Retrieval

"Retrieval practice is the act of recalling information from memory (with no or little support) and every time that information is retrieved, or an answer is generated, it changes that original memory to make it stronger." Kate Jones

We have been focusing on using retrieval practice to help children to learn and progress in all curriculum areas. We carefully think of activities which require children to remember previous learning in different ways to make sure that the children have the best chance of keeping their learning in their long-term memory. One way of doing this is to set homework activities that link directly to learning that the children have done in class. On occasion, we will send homework which links to learning which may have taken place a number weeks before. This is called spaced retrieval because children are asked to remember something after a gap in time.

## English



English will be taught through studying both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be learning about how to write recounts and how to structure and write our own traditional stories and fairy tales. We will also be looking at some poetry throughout the term. Children will also write their own instructions for our non-fiction text topic.

## Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Addition and subtraction
- Measure - weight and capacity
- Place value
- Measure - length and height

## Science



Later this term we will begin some science units, with the majority taking place in the summer term. This term we will begin learning about Animals, including humans. In this topic we will learn about basic parts of the body, and compare and classify animals.

## Computing



In computing this term we will be continuing to practise logging into chrome books. We will be continuing to develop an understanding of algorithms as a set of instructions and creating simple algorithms through the Purple Mash coding.

## RE



### World Faith - Judaism

We will learn about what Judaism is and what it means to be Jewish, including the main beliefs, practices and festivals of Judaism. We will also go to a Synagogue where we will be able to learn more about the Jewish faith and the Jewish place of worship.

### Easter - Why is Easter the most important festival for Christians?

We will learn the meaning of the core concept: Salvation - to save; and what happened on:

- Palm Sunday - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
- Maundy Thursday - The events of the Last Supper
- Good Friday - Jesus' death and the build up to this
- Easter Sunday - Jesus' Resurrection

## 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 focus on understanding and using key vocabulary relating to the passing of time.

## Geography



We will be learning about geographical features of the local area and learning to recognise human features and physical features of the landscape. We will also be looking at how to locate key places on a map of the local area and learn what the different symbols on a map represent.

## PSHE



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and is focused on keeping ourselves safe and healthy. In Year 1 we will be learning about safety about household products and medicines and online safety, road, rail, water and fire safety. We will also take part in a whole-school online safety day this term.

## PE



In the first half of this term we will be covering Health and Fitness. As part of this we will learn to recognise the changes that take place in the body during exercise. In the second half of the spring term we will be focusing on wider skills development and showing understanding of keeping safe while in PE but also when to take appropriate risks when tackling new challenges.

## Music



In music this term, the children will be exploring timbre and looking at different ways in which sound can be generated using our voices, body percussion and musical instruments. We will work in small groups to recite and suggest musical ideas and apply them into their own performance pieces.

## Art



Children will be investigating the possibilities of direct and overprinting using primary colours, talking about their own work and that of others (including peers and other artists), saying what they like and how they have created the art work, and creating collage by tearing, overlapping and sticking contrasting materials.

## Design Technology

To link with our RE topic on Judaism we will be making some Challah bread. We will also be designing and creating some simple structures to create models of playground equipment, with a focus on creating freestanding structures.

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