



Year 1 - Kinder

Hello and welcome back...

We hope you all had a wonderful summer, spending time together and enjoying the 'sunshine'

We are very excited to be teaching your child again this year and look forward to watching them progress and grow.

The information in our newsletter should hopefully answer any questions you may have regarding your child's learning, however, if you would still like to speak to a member of the KS1 team please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we would be happy to meet with you after school.

As always a member of staff will be at the school gate in the morning if you have any messages or urgent concerns.

Maths

We will be using the White Rose maths scheme. This scheme is adopted across the whole school and is designed to spark curiosity and excitement and confidence in maths. In Year 1 we will continue to focus on helping all children to build a deep understanding of number, measure and shape.

This year children will be encouraged to work more independently on recording their answers and developing their understanding and reasoning.

Reading

We are looking forward to continuing the Little Wandle Reading and Phonics scheme after the great success last year.

Your child will take part in daily phonics sessions and weekly shared reads. Reading books will be sent home each week and it is an expectation that your child should read for 5 minutes each evening. Please remember to comment and sign their reading diary each time.

Writing

In year 1, we will be using focused text to develop our writing and understanding of sentence structure. Each text will spark your child's imagination and story writing techniques. Children will be exploring different punctuation and expanding their vocabulary.

Spellings

Your child will be given weekly spellings which will be worked on in class and tested every Friday. We would appreciate your support in helping your child practice their spellings.

Religious Education

At Saint Mary's we take pride in following our school mission statement; Year 1 will take part in singing, daily prayer, collective worship and weekly RE lessons which will build on and develop their understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices, as well as a wider understanding of other religions and beliefs.

Physical Education

Every **FRIDAY** your child will take part in a class PE session. We ask that your child comes to school dressed in their school PE kit and trainers (this can be adapted to suit the current weather leggings/joggers and the school logo blue t-shirt.)

Please note earrings are not to be worn and must be removed before each PE lesson— Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for children.

Snacks and water

School will provide each child with a piece of fruit during morning break. Each **Friday** your child can bring a treat snack from home, this can be a packet of crisp, snack bar etc

You are able to purchase milk via our supplier 'Cool milk', information is available from the office.

We encourage children to bring a labelled water bottle from home, which can be used throughout the day, this will be refilled daily in school and sent home every Friday. Please send water only.

Smile4Life

At Saint Mary's we are very lucky to be part of the Smile4Life early years scheme. Children in Year 1 will continue to brush their teeth after lunch, using their own school toothbrush, and be taught about the importance of oral hygiene.

Finally, we would like to say a huge back...

Best wishes Miss Osborne, Mrs. Fletcher,

Ms. Howard and Mrs. Jones

If you need to contact Miss Osborne or Mrs. Fletcher at any time please telephone or email the school office: