

# Year 1 Advent term 1 2024

Welcome to Year 1!

In English our books this half term will be *Cave Baby* by Julia Donaldson and *The Naughty Bus* by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will cover key aspects of the English curriculum, including labelling and captions, letter writing, diary extracts, non-chronological reports and adventure stories. We shall be looking at spacing for words and writing sentences using capital letters and full stops.

In Science our first topic is the human body, where we will learn to identify, name, draw and label basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with which sense.

Please refer to the Key learning sheet sent home with your child. It will help us to look at how we are all special and unique and to celebrate our differences.

In PE we will be covering some of the fundamental movements including balancing, running, hopping, jumping and how we can use these in different spaces. We shall also be doing ball skills which include, dribbling with hands and feet, rolling, throwing and catching, making decisions and use of tactics. A quick reminder that PE is on **Monday and Friday**. The children are asked to come in joggers and a polo shirt ( for ease of changing) and to have their pumps or trainers, shorts and PE t-shirt in their PE bag at school.



## Maths

In maths we will be looking at Place value and addition and subtraction. Any practice you can do with your child at writing, reading and counting numbers up to 20 will help them.

## Families and Belonging

The first two RE topics link nicely together and fit into our overall theme as we look at what it means to be part of our own family and God's family, before exploring how we can belong within those families and in other areas of our life, such as in sports clubs and uniformed organisations. Please talk to your child and share memories and experiences of wider family times. We will encourage them at certain points to share their experience of belonging to groups and organisations outside school.



## Homework

In year 1 we will work towards weekly homework in special homework books which will be sent home each Tuesday and are due to be returned, the following Monday. This will usually consist of a handwriting practice and a number or literacy activity. This will begin in the next couple of weeks. We expect you to regularly listen to your child read and initial the link book accordingly (books will be changed once a week if they have been read). After the half term we will start to send home spellings. They will be a short list of spellings for your child to learn at home. There will be a spelling test the following week. There is also one piece of 'project type' homework, each half term either set by us, or as whole school homework.

I can be contacted via Class Dojo, or the school office if you have any concerns or questions.

Many thanks Mrs Crowley