



Term: Spring 1
2018
Year group: 1

Information for parents

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We wish you and your family a happy and blessed New Year. We are hoping you had a very peaceful and enjoyable time with your families and friends and that your children are rested, recharged and ready for learning!

As the new year brings resolutions, personal goals and renewed focus, this is a perfect time to remind your child of their targets and areas to improve with their learning. Please support them in achieving these goals by encouraging them to develop their learning behaviours. The 8 learning behaviours we focus on at school are:

- Not giving up
- Being curious
- Having a go
- Co-operating
- Enjoying learning
- Improving
- Using your imagination
- Concentrating

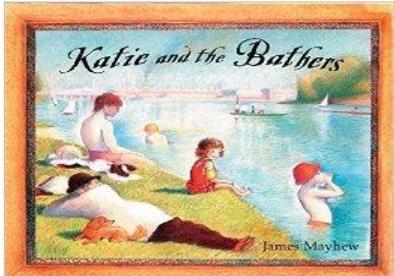
Good News for Families

Along with encouraging your child in their learning journey, it is also a very good time for them to reflect and focus on their *spiritual journey*. As mentioned in the *Wednesday Word for Advent and Christmas* (in reference to the Gospel of Sunday 7th January 2018-Matthew 2:1-12 'The Feast of the Epiphany'):

"What guided the wise men to Jesus? On Sunday 7th January 2018, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. We remember how the wise men from the East were guided to Jesus. *Ask your child what the word 'guidance' means to them. Who guides them through life to make sensible and wise choices? Who or what guides you on your journey through life?* The wise men in the Gospel were guided by a star but since the birth of Jesus we no longer need stars to guide us. Just as the wise men discovered-Jesus is the way: the way to happiness, to truth and to eternal life....

As we journey through life to God, we need good guidance to help us along the way. If you haven't already started, why not resolve to head into 2018 on a spiritual journey as a family-to be guided by God? Just like the wise men, you may be delighted with what you discover."

Here is a brief outline of what your child will be learning about this half term.

Subject	Coverage	Suggestions as to how you can support learning at home
Literacy	<p>In Literacy this half term we will begin to explore the works of James Mayhew through his 'Katie' series. In these books the main character, Katie visits the National Gallery and begins to find out about two famous artists and their paintings. She discovers Van Gogh's Sunflowers and Starry Night and Georges Seurat's Bathers at Asnieres. As well as our focus texts will continue to share and enjoy a variety of books to continue giving children opportunities to explore and enjoy different authors and genres. We will encourage them to write more detailed sentences using a range of punctuation and exciting openers, connectives and other interesting vocabulary. We will be using adjectives and adverbs to make our story telling interesting to the reader. We will explore root words and suffixes. Children will continue with daily Phonics sessions and apply what they know in their reading and writing.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to read to you daily and to use sounding out as their first strategy for reading unfamiliar words. Try to read to your children books that you can share and books that they can hear you read to them. Visit the library to widen their experience of books. Encourage your child to practise their spellings each week and to make up and write sentences with these words in them so that they can then read and understand them in context.</p> 
Numeracy	<p>This half term we will continue to focus on addition and subtraction within 20. We will be adding and subtracting one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero, solving one step worded problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as $17 = ? - 9$. We will also</p>	<p>Please help your child by supporting the to count in multiples of twos, fives and tens, to count backwards and forwards within 50 and to add and subtract within 20.</p> <p>The homework packs will also help to support your child with the other topics in maths that we will be covering soon.</p>

	<p>practise counting to 50 forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any number, read and write numbers to 50 in numerals, identify one more or one less, identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least. We will practise counting in multiples of twos, fives and tens.</p>	
RE	<p>In RE we will be learning about our community and the special people we have around us such as family, teachers, doctors, nurses, priests, etc. We will talk about their role in our community and how they can help us. We will be learning about our local church and how important it is to gather together and feel part of our community.</p>	<p>Help your child to understand that we are all part of the church family and of God's family. Talk to your child about all the people around us. Read the Wednesday word together and discuss the gospel and the readings.</p> 
Science	<p>This half term we will continue to learn about the seasonal changes during winter and into spring, focusing on the life cycle of plants. Children will begin to identify and classify the plants and trees around us. They will learn to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees, and describe some features of leaves, recording their descriptions. They will make comparisons between different trees and learn that some trees are deciduous and some are evergreen.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to observe and report what they can see in nature, and identify the different plants and trees you can see. Observe the changes in the weather, paying particular attention at the plants and trees and discuss how they grow throughout the season. Identify some new flowers that might begin to appear as the weather becomes warmer.</p> 
Topic	<p>Our topic this half term is Art. We will begin to appreciate the work of famous artists. We will</p>	<p>Use the internet or go to the library to search for different painters and discuss their work.</p>

	learn about the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh and Georges Seurat. We will be using different drawing and painting skills including a variety of media to recreate their famous art works. At the end of our topic we will visit the National Gallery.	Encourage your child to be creative at home and talk about their drawings or paintings. 
Computing	We will use IT to search for images related to our science topic of plants and trees. Children will learn to find and save images of plants and trees and classify them, building a data base using different programmes on iPads and on the computer. Children will create a document including images and relevant information learnt during the science lessons.	Encourage your child to use a computer or iPad to find images of plants and trees and let him/her practise saving them in a folder. Discuss your findings and how you can use them to create a document such as power point or word. 
PE	Yr 1 & 2 will be focusing on ball skills, in particular controlling a ball with their feet by sending, receiving and dribbling. They will also continue to develop their balance and co-ordination. After half term they will focus on fitness and the benefits of being physically active and fun ways in which you can be active.	
Music	This half term we will be developing the understanding of instruments and instrument families; considering the role of texture in music; and learning to use voices in a more controlled and accurate manner through singing songs.	

Where possible we like to take the children out of school, or invite visitors in to speak to the children to enrich their learning. This half term we are visiting

All teachers at Sacred Heart School follow the homework policy.

In year * we will follow this homework timetable:

Subject	Handed out	Due in on	How you can help
Spelling and grammar/ comprehension	Tuesday	Spelling test on Monday	Practise the spellings with your child every day using the method 'Look, cover, write, check'.
Maths	Tuesday	Monday	Complete the Maths homework pack (one activity per week as dated) with your child. Please read the instructions carefully before completing the homework. Complete Mathletics homework.
Reading	Every day		Read with your child every day and discuss the story with them.

Important Dates

Each class will perform one class assembly this year along with two open class sessions (as a year group), where your child will have an opportunity to share their learning with you.

Assembly date for class:

1N: Wednesday 24th January, 9am in the school hall

1W:

School trip date: Friday 9th February (Tower of London)

Year 1 Family Learning session: Thursday 8th February, 2.45pm in the new building

PE is an essential part of the curriculum. We are lucky enough to have specialist teachers and coaches. Please send your child in with his or her PE kit on Monday, and leave it at school until Friday. Please remember that the school rule is that if your child is unable to participate in PE owing to sickness, then they are not well enough to come to school.

PE days for Year 1 are Thursday and Friday.

Please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Thursday.

The before and after school clubs this term are:

UPDATED TIMETABLE TO BE INSERTED

CLUBS TIMETABLE-SPRING 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Session	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB (8.00-8.50AM) (Y4/5/6)	BREAKFAST CLUB CHOIR (8:15-8:50am)		BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB (8.00-8.50AM) (Y1/2/3)
After School	ORCHESTRA (RK) (Selected pupils) RUNNING CLUB (3.30-4.30PM)	SCIENCE CLUB* (KS2 3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda) Italian* (AB) (3.30-4.30pm) COMPUTING* (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm) MULTI-SPORT CLUB Y1/2/3 (3.30-4.30PM) GYMNASTICS*** (3.30-4.30pm)	CRAFT CLUB* (D.M-Hall) FOOTBALL LEAGUE (3.30-5.30PM) BASKETBALL CLUB Y4/5/6 (3.30-4.30PM) SQUASH CLUB**	SCIENCE CLUB* (KS1 3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda) MULTI-SPORT CLUB Y4/5/6 (3.30-4.30PM) CHOIR (JC-3.30-4.30pm) COMPUTING* (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm) GYMNASTICS*** (3.30-4.30pm)	ATHLETICS CLUB Y4/5/6 (3.30-4.30PM) GIRLS FOOTBALL Y4/5/6 (3.30-4.30PM) HOMEWORK CLUB** (JB-3:30-4:40PM)

All school clubs are £20 (apart from those marked with an asterisk). Please make payments in advance at the school office.

* Those marked with an asterisk are run by outside providers and their charges may vary. Speak to either the coaches directly or to a member of the PE department or school office for more details.

** Those marked with a double asterisk are free. There is no charge.

Details of all clubs can also be found in the newsletters, on our website or by asking the school office.

Please feel free to make an appointment with your child's class teacher at any time should you wish to discuss progress, attainment or welfare.

Kind regards,
Miss Noulton and Mrs Walsh
Class Teachers

Mrs Bradley

Miss Graham

Intervention teachers

Support staff