

WELCOME TO Y1

Class teachers - Mrs Fox & Miss Shelton

Education Assistants - Mrs Rollason & Mrs de Miranda

Music – We will start with the song **Hey You!** This is an Old-School Hip Hop style for children to learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Old-School Hip Hop tunes.

ENGLISH

In our English lessons we will be exploring Traditional Tales. We will study the characters and the setting, and learn that a story is made up of three parts. We will use this knowledge to create storymaps, character profiles, explore plots, innovate on the story and then write our own versions of the stories. When writing, we will focus on grammatical accuracy and basic punctuation.

SCIENCE

As scientists we will be learning about our senses. We will label parts of our body and describe how we have physically changed since we were born. We will be studying different materials and their uses

READING

In Year 1 we teach reading skills through daily RWI lessons and Reading Enrichment sessions.

Children will be bringing home book-banded reading books daily and a library book on a Friday.

On a Friday they will also be bringing home a RWI "show off book", that they have been reading during their daily RWI sessions, to read to you at the weekend.

When any of these books are returned they will be safely quarantined before other children access them.

Library Day is Friday

Children can change our books every morning and Mrs Fox and Miss Shelton will check the reading diaries each week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will be praising and thanking God for His 'Creation' and learning all about important 'Celebrations' in the life of Jesus and the Church. We will also be finding out about our Year group saint, Saint Anthony of Padua.

Throughout the term, we will be taking part in the celebration of Mass and CAFOD assemblies, starting with 'Go Green'. We will be celebrating the Holy Cross MAC feast day on 14th September.

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TOPIC

Our topic this half term is Heroes and Heroines. During this topic we will be learning about some of the everyday heroes e.g. nurses, doctors and exploring some of the more recent heroes that have been in the news e.g. Captain Tom before we move on to explore the stories of the historical heroes Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

ICT

We use Purple Mash to teach the children ICT skills. This half term we will be learning how to log on and access the resources. It is expected that all children will be able to log on independently. In school we use Chrome Books. Please support your child at home by supporting them to login in each time. Your child's login is in their reading diary.

MATHEMATICS

In our Singapore Maths lessons we will be focusing on "Numbers to 10", "Number bonds" and "Addition to 10". We will be learning to 'journal' our work and improve our reasoning skills. We will also be introducing maths fluency targets which the children can practice at home. These will be then tested weekly in school. The first number bond targets are adding then subtracting 1 to all numbers to 20.

Art - Coventry Skylines

This half term we are lucky to be working with the school artist. We will be learning new skills and then using them to create a skyline of Coventry.

PE

Our PE days are **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY**. Children need to come into school wearing their school PE kits on as these days. For safety reasons, children should have their earrings removed or covered with tape on these days, (studs can be worn on the other days).

Our PE topics for this half term are Fundamental Movement Skills and Locomotion. We will be learning how to negotiate space successfully, working on improving our balancing, jumping and skipping skills and then using these skills to skilfully complete obstacle course and when participating in team games. We will be recognising and discussing the effects of exercise on our bodies.

RSE- Live Life to the Full

*This half term our topic is **Created and Loved by God**. This topic explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that **we are created by God out of love and for love**, children will develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships:*