



Reepham Church of England Primary

Year 1 Newsletter September



Year 1 - Miss McCann

Our value this term is: Respect

In **Collective Worship**, the children will be considering the meaning of respect. This will include showing an appreciation for everyone and everything, including themselves, others and the environment. They will learn that it involves treating others the way they want to be treated, recognising uniqueness of each individual, and valuing differences within the school community and beyond.

Musician of the term:

The music genre the school will be listening to is Pop music. In Year 1, we will be focusing on Little Mix and considering: Do they like the music? Can you explain why?



Phonics and Reading

Reading remains the heart of our curriculum.

This term in Phonics we will be revisiting Phase 4, embedding the sounds and developing fluency. Towards the end of Autumn 1, we will then begin to learn new sounds from Phase 5.

It is important for children to celebrate their reading journey and you can support this by listening to them read at home. Children will take home their Reading Practice book on a Thursday to celebrate their reading with you. Children will also take home a Recommended Read to enjoy at home every week on a Friday.

Please fill in your child's Reading Bookmark every time they read with you at home. Every time your child completes their Reading Bookmark, they will be entered into the Reading Raffle where they have the chance to win a book of their choice.



Writing:

In Literacy, we will be reading 'Where are you Blue Kangaroo?' and learning to write simple sentences.



In Grammar, we will also be focusing on the skills of finger spaces, capital letters, full stops and question marks.

We will be applying these grammar skills in our writing in Literacy.



In **Science** our unit of learning this term is **Animals including Humans.**

We will learn:

- about five of the groups that scientists use to classify animals: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.
- to identify the group an animal belongs to by its features and will classify animals according to their group.
- about the different diets animals eat.
- about the parts of the human body and explore the five senses through a simple investigation.

RE - God (Christianity)

This term we will be learning about Christian beliefs about God. This will include learning Christians believe...

- in one God who has created the world.
- that throughout history, God has worked with humans to try to fix what has been spoiled.
- that God loves human beings
- that God never gives up on people
- that Jesus is 100% human and 100% God (the incarnation – 'God in the flesh').

This term we will also introducing the children to three characters which link to the three disciplinary skills in RE. These are Philosophy, Social Sciences and theology.

Maths:

Our first unit this term in Maths is **Place Value (within 10)**.

We will be learning key concepts such as:

- sorting objects
- counting and representing objects
- finding one more and one less
- comparing and ordering numbers

We will then progress onto our next unit of **Addition and Subtraction (within 10)**.

Please support your child at home by practising simple counting within 10 and finding one more and one less.

History: this term we will be learning about toys and how they have changed. We will learn to:

- explain what we know about toys today.
- explain how we can find out about the past.
- describe features of different toys.
- recognise old and new toys.
- use words relating to the passing of time.

In **Art** our focus this term is on **spirals**. We will explore how the way we hold a drawing tool, and move our bodies, will affect the drawings we make. We will explore mark-making and experiment with how we can use the marks we make in our drawings.

We will begin our Sketchbook journey and learn that they are a place of personal exploration.

PE:

Fundamentals: we will explore the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping.

Ball Skills: we will explore and develop our fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling and dribbling with both hands and feet.

We will be working collaboratively with others taking turns and sharing ideas.

In **PSHE** we will be exploring...

- class rules and expectations
- internet safety
- making friends
- taking turns

We will also be learning about respectful relationships and reading *'Barry the Fish with Fingers'* as part of this.



French:

This term in French our topic is Les Salutations (Greetings).

We will be learning to:

- Say 'hi' and 'hello' in French.
- Say 'my name is...' in French.
- Ask somebody in French how they are feeling and give a reply.
- Say 'goodbye' and 'see you later' in French.

Reminders:

Just a reminder that Year 1 have PE on a **Monday** and a **Friday**. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit. Please can you also send your child to school with spare clothes in case of any accidents.

Please can you also label any school clothing to ensure it is returned to the correct child if lost.

Homework

We give out Phonics Homework on a **Friday** for the children to embed their learning from the week. Please support your child by practising their learning with them at home.

This year, children will also be taking home a 'Special Memories' book. Inside this book they can write/draw about something special that they have done at home. This is optional and the children do not need to complete it every week, however it would be nice to see some writing about what they have done outside of school at least once a term. This book will be given out over the next couple of weeks.

Next term, we will also be sending out Maths homework on a **Friday**.