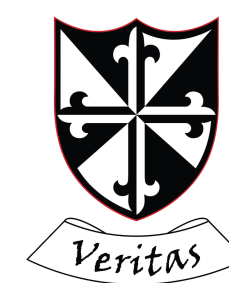


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Mathematics

In Mathematics, Year 1 will be looking at understanding the value of numbers to 10, including 0. We will be able to order, compare and understand all numbers to 10 and work with them fluently and accurately. We will then move on to learning about number bonds within 10 and recall them quickly. We will look at addition and subtraction within 10 using concrete materials and pictorial representations to help us solve them.

We will be using number lines, part part whole models and number sentences to help us with our mathematics this half term.



Religious Education

Year 1 will begin the RED curriculum branch called 'Creation and Covenant'. This introduces the story of the Creation in Genesis 1 and we learn about how God's gift of creation is expressed through scripture, artistic expressions art and music. We will explore how different communities from around the world care for creation and discuss our role with creation and the ways in which we can care for it.

Our Mission Circle themes for this half term are as follows: Welcome, Encounter, Outreach, Dialogue, Listen, Rosary and Respect. The children have a mission each week to live out after they have discussed the topics within their groups.



English

In English, Year 1 will be revising previously taught phonics sounds and re-capping on 'what a good writer needs'. This will focus on capital letters, finger spaces, letter names and full stops. Year 1 will be looking at the story 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. This story is about a young boy who receives a toy bus as a present and has fun exploring the world with his new toy which turns out to be quite a naughty bus. We will learn to retell this story using a story map and begin to write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Guided Reading sessions, we will be learning to segment words into sounds before blending them together, recognising our tricky words, using our voices to read with expression and answering questions using what we have read.

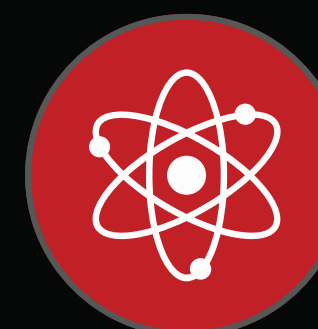
In our class Story Time, we will be reading a range of stories to excite and engage the children in a love of reading.



Science

In Science, in Year 1, children will be learning about the human body and our senses. We will be conducting simple tests to find out more about our five senses.

Throughout the year, we will look at the seasons and learn about the changes that happen, we will continue to observe the weather and learn to recognise the different types of weather.



Personal Development

The children will start their Personal Development lessons this term. We will be focusing on units within Module 1, 'Let the children come', which focusses on God who created us and is there for us always. They will then look at Module 2 where we learn that God loves us, special people and how we can treat others well and saying sorry. Finally, we will move on to keeping ourselves safe.





Art

In art, we will be learning about the artist Van Gogh and his last self-portrait. We will be looking at how to draw our own self-portraits using pencils and other mediums to create our artwork.

History

In History, we will be looking at toys past and present. Children will look at their favourite toys, their parents and grandparents' toys and toys from previous decades. They will then move onto describing how toys are different and the same and identifying old and new toys. Finally, they will create a toy museum of old and new toys explaining what they are and how to use them.



Physical Education

This half term our topics are 'SAQ' and 'Dance'. In SAQ, we will be developing our skills in speed and agility, using equipment such as hurdles and floor ladders. In dance, we will learn to perform simple movement patterns and evaluate a performance. Year 1 have PE every Thursday.



Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 1 include: portrait, sight, touch, less, old, numeral, addition and subtraction.

Class Notices

Our Forest School day is Tuesday.
Our PE day is Thursday.
Reading books are changed on a Thursday and sent out on a Friday.
Thursday 1st October - National Poetry Day
Wednesday 7th October - School Photos
Friday 9th October - Cinderella Panto



How parents & carers can help

Regular reading with your child, practising recognising tricky words and how to spell them. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read and talk about the meaning of unfamiliar words.
Letter formation in handwriting and writing simple phrases or sentences using their phonetic knowledge.