

Year 1 Spring term newsletter

Walk to St Jerome's Church

Year 1 will be visiting St Jerome's church on 23rd January as part of our RE topic.

We will have a guided tour of the inside of the church in order to see the main features of a church. Rev Wyn will show and tell us the uses of various artefacts in the church.



Other Dates to Remember

Year 1 Charity Day

Year 1's charity this year is The Salvation Army. In Spring 1 we will be raising money for our charity by having a superhero and princess dress up day.

Stay tuned for the date!

World Book Day - 2nd March 2023



Reading with children



Children should be reading for ten minutes every night at least 5 times a week. Please sign their reading record after reading with them so their class teacher has a record.

The reading records are checked weekly by the teacher. Should you need any help or strategies, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

We believe it is important to encourage children's love of reading. We are continuing our Star Reader challenge.

We have a wide variety of books to choose from in our classroom and the children would love to see you all there sharing these books with them.

Please ask your child's class teacher for more information.

Year 1 Spring term topics

- English: Free verse poetry and The Day The Crayons Quit
- Maths: Number, Measure (time and capacity) & Geometry
- History: Significant people in history (focusing on Edith Cavell and her contribution to healthcare and nursing during WW1 and the impact in modern day healthcare.
- Science: Materials
- RE: Places of worship
- Music: Various percussion instruments



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Google classroom



Please ensure your child is signed up to and has access to Google Classroom so they can complete their weekly non-core quizzes, spellings, and weekly comprehensions. It is really important all children are accessing this on a weekly basis.

We are constantly thinking of how to improve our children's our children's outcomes and Google Classroom provides a good opportunity for this. Parents are encouraged to help their children to complete quizzes.

If you are unsure about how to access Google Classroom, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Homework

Thank you for all the effort you have put in to helping your child with their homework. Maths and English homework is handed out on a Thursday and needs to be returned no later than the following Tuesday.

Often the homework we set is a review of what we have been learning about or a task to prepare your child for what they will be learning the following week so it is vital that this is completed.

Thank you again for all your support.

Punctuality and Attendance

Punctuality is very important in Year 1. Children should be in school from 8:45am-9am. This gives children time to settle in and get ready for the day. The register is taken at 9am and if your child arrives after this time, they will be marked as late. This is because class teachers need to complete the class register as well as the lunch register by 9:05 when lessons start.

In Year 1, we believe that high attendance is extremely important for academic success. We expect all children to be in school 100% of the time. Please make sure your children attend school every day. If you are experiencing difficulties, please let the school know so we see what we can do to help you.

A class who comes to school each day for a week gets a non-uniform day.



Reading

In year 1 we are completing a star reader scheme to encourage children to read a range of different genres.

How many books can you read? Try and achieve your first or next badge on your star reader scheme. Ask your teacher for a booklet!

Read **5 Books** and receive a **Bronze certificate and a badge.**

Read **12 books** and receive a **Silver Certificate and a badge .**

Read **20 books** and receive a **Gold Certificate and a badge .**

Earn certificates as you journey towards the ultimate goal of the very special Wood End Park Academy Star Reader badge.

Congratulations to all the children who read more than 25 books during Autumn term.