



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy



Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1.

We hope that you find this newsletter a useful tool as we start a new year. We welcome all our new children into our classes and we look forward to working with you all.

Our Curriculum:

Maths

Our focus topics will include addition, subtraction, money, measuring and time. We will be encouraging the children to use number lines and to record numbers correctly. Correct vocabulary will be used such as more, increase, total, altogether, difference, minus, subtract, takeaway, less and decrease. Please try to practise recognising and writing numbers up to 100 and encourage your child to count on in their heads, eg. 6 add 5, so start at 6 ... 7 8 9 10 11.

English

This term in English we will be looking at captions, stories and poetry. We will also be focusing on phonics, handwriting, letter formation and punctuation. The children will be learning to write in sentences, starting with capital letters and ending with a full stop.

We will be sending a 'Guided' reading book as well as a 'home reader' each week. The guided book may be challenging and therefore we would ask that you read with them, encouraging them to sound out tricky words and recall key words. The home reader is a book your child has chosen. This book is to be shared in the home for enjoyment. Comprehension is vital at this stage of development so please begin to ask questions about what has happened and who the main characters are in the story.

Science

This term our Science focus will be the seasons and looking at weather changes. The children will go on nature walks and identify a number of trees and flowers in our environment. They will be able to label the structure of plants and trees.

Computing

Year 1 will go to the Computing suite for their computing lessons. Please could you help your child learn their username to log on the school computers. These will be sent home soon.

Topic

In Geography we will be looking at mapping skills and drawing simple routes. In History we will be looking at the history of toys and how these have changed and developed over time. In Art we will be colour mixing whilst looking at Mondrian. As we

Our Learning Challenges:

- Can I observe and record changes in the weather?
- Can I identify and label some flora and fauna on a nature walk?
- Can I explain what is meant by the past?
- Can I talk about the toys I have played with in my lifetime?
- Can I ask and answer questions about toys from the past?
- Can I make a timeline and label it?
- Can I recall the similarities and differences between my toys and toys from the past?
- Can I design a moving toy using a mechanism?
- Can I create a natural sculpture based on another artists work?
- Can I create an observational drawing/painting using colour and texture?
- Can I draw and label a simple map?
- Can I write my own address?
- Can I identify and sort some physical and human features?

Recommended Websites

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/

Twitter Accounts to follow

St_Wilfrids_CE

Home Learning:

Reading

In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school on the following days: Wednesday 1P, Monday 1R and 1F. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary.

English, Maths and Topic/Research - Please refer to the homework grid inside homework books and complete tasks over the term. 1R, 1F and 1P please hand homework books in on Wednesday, these will be returned each Friday.

Spellings are also inside homework books. These are to be

A message from the PTFA...

The PTFA would like to thank you for your continuous support and commitment. Last year was another successful year for the PTFA, with a wide range of events raising money to purchase new resources and support school themed events and Dance Festival, which all impact on the children's education. We would welcome any suggestions for future fundraising events.



