



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY • BOUNDARY ROAD • NEWARK • NOTTS • NG24 4AU

## KS1 YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CLASS & CURRICULUM OVERVIEW • LENT TERM 2021

**Our School Mission Statement:** *'In every child there is a space that only God can fill...'* St Thomas Aquinas

### Diary Dates:

Please look out for our school newsletter and Class Dojo for up to date diary dates.

### Home & School Links

Welcome back to the new school year! The children in Key Stage 1 will be taught by Mrs Easton in Year 1/2, Mrs Webster & Miss Kuczak in Year 1/2 and Mrs Francis in F2/ Year 1. Our Teaching Assistants in KS1 are Mrs Carrington Miss Grimwood and Mrs Richards, we also have other staff who support in Key Stage 1 where needed. Wherever possible, please use class Dojo to correspond with your child's teacher regarding any queries or concerns you may have. Messages will be replied to as soon as possible within school hours. Class Dojo will be our number one communication tool, so if you are having any issues, please do let us know. If you require to speak to member of staff, please do so at the end of the day when we have seen the children safely to their adults. You can also keep up with what KS1 are doing on a daily basis by following us on Twitter.

### Homework & Reading Books

In Key Stage 1, reading books will be given out in line with your child's RWI book band grouping. Your child will be given a book which they will be familiar and fluent with, a book bag book and a reading for pleasure book each week in their reading folder. Please read with your child at least 3 times a week, signing in their reading diary each time.

Your child will be given a list of common exception word spellings to learn throughout the year. Please practise these with your child regularly.

Where homework is given out, please submit your child's homework through the portfolio section of class Dojo.

As part of our curriculum Key Stage 1 children will have PE sessions twice per week. PE sessions are an important part of the curriculum so it is vital that the children arrive at school in the appropriate kit on their PE days, including warm clothing where needed, in order to take part properly. Please make sure that earrings are not worn on PE days. Mrs Easton's class will do PE on Monday and Wednesday, Mrs Webster and Miss Kuczak's class will do PE on Tuesday and Friday and Miss Francis' class will do PE on Friday.



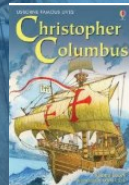
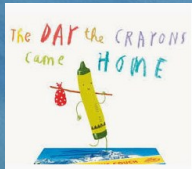
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## Our Curriculum theme for the Autumn Term at Holy Trinity Catholic Academy is: *Lives/ Community*



A selection of our KS1 Story Books

### Religious Education

In Come & See, we will focus on three topics during the Lent term: Books, Thanksgiving and Opportunities. During these topics the children will have opportunities to talk about and retell different Bible stories, as well as begin to describe different signs and symbols, which will help them with their understanding of the Catholic faith. Regular class liturgies based on Come and See topics and our whole school 'word of the week' will also take place. The children will be encouraged to plan and lead these liturgies.

### English & Mathematics

In English, the children will be following the daily Read Write Inc programme which covers spelling, reading, writing and phonics. Where pupils are off the Read Write Inc programme, children will be taught and will apply a variety of different skills in their English lessons and will also participate in daily reading lessons.

The children will take part in daily Maths sessions, which will develop their mental and written maths skills. Each unit will provide many varied opportunities provided to extend their knowledge. Children will be given the chance to explore 'real-life' problem solving and develop their mathematical reasoning skills throughout their work. The children will be taught a range of arithmetic strategies including number bonds and doubling and halving, as well as times tables for Year 2.

### Curriculum Focus

Our Spring theme is 'Lives and Community'. Our topic is based on 'Explorers'.

We will be linking this theme to our History topic as we look at two significant individuals, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will be comparing the lives of these two explorers and the changes throughout these periods in history.

In Geography, we will be using our knowledge of the places Christopher Columbus visited to look at weather and climate, particularly in these locations. We will be building on this knowledge further, looking at how the weather changes through different seasons in Science.

In Design and Technology we will be out in eco land building weatherproof shelters.

In Art this term we will be developing our painting skills, focussing on Van Gogh.

In ICT, we will be focussing on performing basic functions on a computer.

### Physical Education

The PE units for KS1: Year 1 & Year 2 will include attacking and defending as well as gymnastics.

### PSHE/British Values

Our focus for PSHE this term will relationships with others. We will be using out 'Life to the Full' scheme to help us. We will look at the British Values of Mutual Respect and the Rule of Law.