



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

KS1 YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CLASS & CURRICULUM OVERVIEW • SPRING TERM 2019

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

Diary Dates:

Please continue to check Dojo for updates and important dates during this coming term.

Home & School Links

A very warm welcome back to the final term of the academic year. The children in Key Stage 1 will be taught by Mrs Easton in Year 1/2, Mrs Webster and Miss Kuczak in Year 1/2 and Mrs Francis in 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. While social distancing measures remain, Class Dojo will be our number one communication tool, so if you are having any issues, please do let us know. 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 according to your child's Read Write Inc group. Please ensure your child brings their reading folder in to school every day to allow their books to be changed on the correct day.

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

IXL homework will be set every Friday and will consolidate the learning that has taken place during the week. Please message your child's class teacher if you are unsure of how to access IXL.

Where other topic 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 Wednesday and Mrs Francis' class will do PE on Monday and Friday. On Thursday's we will participating in Forest Schools. Please ensure that on this day, you r child has old trainers or wellies in wet weather and a suitable outdoor coat. Please ensure your child also wears a pair of old trousers on this day.



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



A selection of our KS1 Reading Books

Religious Education

In Come & See, we will focus on three topics during the Pentecost term: Spread the Word, Rules and Treasures. We will also be studying Islam as our other faith.

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.

Physical Education

The PE units for KS1: Year 1 & Year 2 will include Cricket, Athletics, outdoor and adventurous activities and team games throughout the Pentecost term.

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

In History this term, we will be exploring the history of transport. We will be linking this to the life of William Tritton, a significant person with our locality, and his influence of the development of the tank.

In Geography we will be comparing the localities of Sherwood Forest and the Amazon rainforest.

In Science, we will be consolidating our knowledge of seasons and exploring Summer. We will also be studying the basic needs of animals including humans.

In Design and Technology we will be making a healthy packed lunch.

In Art this term we will be developing our drawing skills using a range of different media, looking at the life and work of Henri Rousseau.

Our Music work this term will be focused on the skills of listening and composition.

In our Computing work we will be learning about algorithms and how to avoid bugs in our programming.

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 Value of Democracy.