

*Dear Parents & Guardians,*

About Homework:

Your child will receive a piece of literacy and numeracy homework on the weeks when their learning log is not sent home. This homework will be sent home on a **Friday** and is to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Please encourage your child to work independently on some of the homework but please join in any of the activities. Please feel free to write any comments about how your child is doing in their homework book.

**Spellings:** Children will receive a list of 10 spellings per week. These will contain 8 words with a specific sounds and 2 key words that the children need to learn how to read and spell by the end of Year 1.

**Reading:** It is vital that you read every night at home with your child. Asking them questions about the text they have just read will help to build up their comprehension. Usually they will have a book for 2 nights. Please read the story together on the first evening and re-read with expression and discuss the book on the second evening. Also please encourage your child to retell the story or find facts (for a non-fiction book) as this develops **comprehension**.

Please read the book with your child and talk about it. Your child cannot change their book until the previous one has been returned.

Your child will have a **library book** which can be changed on a **Thursday**.

Each half term there will be **Learning Log homework**. The children have two weeks to complete it, and would benefit again from your encouragement and support.

Thank you.

Mrs Sinnett & Mrs Burton

# *Curriculum Newsletter*



Term: Advent 2024

Class: St. Jude  
St Nicolas

Year: 1

*'Growing Together in Faith & Love'*

## RE

Branch One- Creation and Covenants- God's Great Plan  
Branch Two- Prophecy and Promise- Mary our Mother.

### Targets:

- To understand that God is the Creator. He loves us and we can discover His wisdom in the beauty of nature.
- To understand that Mary agreed to God's plan and she become part of our salvation. The children will learn about Annunciation, Visitation and the Nativity.

### Literacy: By the end of this term your child will be expected to:

- Learn their weekly spellings and aim to get at least 8/10 every week.
- Learn to read and write some of the Year 1/2 keywords.
- To form letters correctly and develop a cursive style of handwriting and transfer this to their independent work.
- To build their sentences by adding an adjective (wow word) for detail.
- To use a capital letter and a full stop independently in their writing.
- To begin to extend sentences by using the connective 'and.'
- Write independently about a specific topic for up to 20 minutes.
- To use phonic strategies to read and spell unfamiliar words.
- To have an awareness of capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks when reading aloud.
- To orally answer questions about a text to show comprehension.

### Numeracy: By the end of this term your child will be expected to:

- Count reliably to 30.
- Write numbers correctly and independently to 30.
- Form numbers correctly.
- Know the number bonds to 10
- Recognise the value of each digit in a 'teens' number.
- Say which is more or less of two numbers.
- Count on 1, 2, 3 or 4 from a given numbers.
- Recognise and sort 2D shapes.
- Count forwards and backwards to 50 recognising 0.
- Know the ordinal numbers to 20. eg 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Find the missing number in a number sentence.
- Compare lengths and heights using non-standard units
- Add 1 digit to a 2 digit number up to 20.
- Use number facts and concrete objects to solve word problems.
- Recognise and know the value of different coins and notes.
- Find combinations of amounts up to 20p.

## Science:

### **Animals Including Humans**

In this topic, children will learn about the basic parts of the human body and explore their five senses, learn about different animals using a wide range of activities.

## Foundation Subjects

### Geography:

**Our Local Area.** In this unit, the children will learn to identify the significant features (landmarks) of their local area and consider viewpoints in relation to this, compare journeys and landscapes and understand near/far, often/ rarely and learn about maps, map-making and symbols.

### History:

**Toys Over Time.** This units links with common themes of toys. Children will be able to compare their toys with toys from the past. They will be able to develop awareness of the past and progress.

### ICT:

This term the children will be using i-pads to create simple coding, developing basic keyboard and mouse skills, using the internet to find images, playing a selection of literacy and numeracy games.

### Art:

#### **Drawing: Make your mark. Christmas craft and art.**

This term we will encourage children to explore their imagination and self-expression. Children will use different media and practice drawing, colouring and painting.

### Music:

The children will have one lesson per week. This will focus on rhythms and pulse (steady beats), creating different sounds, recognising long and shorts notes.

### PE:

This term, the children will have P.E. carried out by a specialist teacher. This half term our PE topic is ball skills and games and this half term we will be taking part in a dance topic.