



# Our Lady of the Annunciation

## Primary 1 Term 1 Curricular Newsletter



### Literacy



- In Term 1 pupils will begin to learn their initial sounds. These will be explored through story, song, written tasks and play-based learning experiences. As the children explore more sounds they will be encouraged to use their knowledge of taught sounds to help them build and decode words.
- Our current reading scheme is Heinemann Story World. This term pupils will begin to familiarise themselves with the features of text and develop key reading skills such as predicting and sequencing.
- It is important for pupils to have as many opportunities as possible to engage with the writing process. Shared writing opportunities and mark making experiences will be utilised across the curriculum, with a focus in Term 1 on developing fine motor skills.

### Numeracy



- This term we will explore numbers to 10 using concrete resources (cubes, counters etc.) and pictorial representations to support our learning. Pupils will begin to explore resources such as ten frames, counting beads, cubes, counters and dice.
- In mental maths, we are working towards pupils being able to count forwards and backwards to 20. We will talk about the numbers before and after a given number.
- Primary 1 will be working in spotting, continuing and creating their own patterns.
- We are exploring 2D shapes. We will work towards identifying squares, triangles, rectangles and circles. We will be counting how many sides and corners they have!

### Interdisciplinary Learning



- Throughout the year we will explore various topics to explore the world around us.
- This term our topic has a literacy focus. We are taking time to explore fairytales through our reading and writing lessons. Primary 1 will share their favourite stories and characters.
- Our music specialist, Mrs Murray, visits Primary 1 fortnightly where they learn about keeping a steady beat. This is also another fantastic opportunity to explore rhyme through songs.

### Health and Wellbeing



- Across Health and Wellbeing this term, we will look at the different rights that all children have. We will also talk about ways we can stay safe at home and in school.
- In PE, Primary 1 are working on the Basic Moves programme. We are working on our balancing skills and exploring different ways to travel around the hall.

### Religious Education



- Our RE lessons are taught through the programme, 'This is our Faith'.
- We will continue to learn our daily classroom prayers. Pupils are also encouraged to pray at home with their families.
- In Term 1 we will learn all about Mary, the Patron Saint of our school. We will also look at the different ways we can use our gifts and talents to help others.

### Opportunities for Personal Achievement/ Community Contribution



- In Primary 1 Mrs Kyle chooses two Pupils of the Week. This highlights members of the class who are showing that they are trying their best!
- Our Monthly Merits will also be given out each month to acknowledge our wonderful achievements.
- In OLA we are striving to be Rights Respecting Role Models. Primary 1 are working hard to demonstrate our school values of **Love, Faith, Hope** and **Kindness** every day.

### How you can help your child at home

- Please read your child's reading book with them at home every night. In OLA we are big believers in reading for enjoyment – we encourage children to explore and listen to a range of books to nurture a love for reading at a young age.
- Sounds and words introduced each week in class are sent home in wallets - please revise these each night to ensure they are getting practise in school and at home.
- Make their learning fun and relevant! Examples could include asking them to count out toys, spot numbers or ask them which 2D shapes they can see in the park.