

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM FEDERATION

Year 1 Spring 2 Newsletter 2023

Meet the Team









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Topic Overview & Key Text

Our key text this term will be 'Paddington' by Michael Bond. The story is all about Mr and Mrs Brown who find a bear called Paddington at the train station and take him home.



Maths

In maths, we will be learning about place value within 50. We will also focus on measuring mass and capacity. Then we will begin to compare, add and subtract measurements.

Writing

In English we will be working towards writing a story based on our key text 'Paddington'. We will continue using our Talk for Writing approach to support the children with the writing process. Along the way we will be building our knowledge of composing and structuring sentences. We will orally retell the story using actions and a story map to help us. The children will practise using their phonetic knowledge to help them to write unfamiliar words. The children will also be exposed to writing a piece of non-fiction text and poetry towards the end of the half term.

Reading

All of the children in Year 1 will attend daily phonics lessons using the Read Write Inc. phonics programme. Your child will be issued with a new reading book every **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Children are expected to read their book at home every day. **Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record every day**.

Homework

We will continue to use the online platform Seesaw to set homework. Your child will receive homework on a **Friday. Homework** will consist of a maths task linked to the maths objective that has been taught that week and weekly spelling task. **Additionally, your child should read their reading book every day too.**

Year 1

We will be continuing with our thematic curriculum that creates meaningful links between the children's learning in English, science, humanities and creative arts with our key text as the main driver.

Science: Children will learn about plants.

Art: Children will create a collaborative piece of art based on paintings by Kandinsky.

Geography: We will be looking at the countries and capital cities of the UK.

PSHE: This term in PSHE we will be focusing on healthy lifestyles.

Computing: The children will learn to create an animated storybook.

RE: The children will learn about different celebrations including Easter and Holi.

Year 1 Routines

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| | | | PE – please | Homework on |
| | | | bring correct | Seesaw |
| | | | kit: black | |
| | | | shorts or | |
| | | | jogging | |
| | | | bottoms and | |
| | | | a white t shirt. | |
| | | | Trainers or | |
| | | | pumps are | |
| | | | required. | |
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School opens for all pupils on **Tuesday 28th February 2023**. Gates will be open from 8:40am.

School closes for the end of term on Friday 31st March and reopens on Monday 17th April.

Additional Dates: