



ST ANNE'S RC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Year One



Writing and Phonics:

In English, we are focussing on the story '*The Gruffalo*'. The children will be developing their sentence-writing skills, with particular attention to using capital letters and full stops correctly. They will also be describing the Gruffalo, creating a "wanted" poster, writing a setting description, and designing their own imaginative poster inspired by the story.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction within 10. The children will be learning to solve addition problems, including those that involve crossing 10, and exploring how to find missing parts in number sentences. We will also be developing our understanding of subtraction, including subtraction across 10.

Religious Education (RE):

This half term, we will be starting our new topic, *Prophecy and Promise*. The children will be exploring the stories of the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the Birth of Jesus, deepening their understanding of these important events in the Christian faith.

Geography:

This half term, we will be learning all about our school. The children will begin by using compasses to navigate around the school grounds and will take part in some fieldwork to explore their surroundings. They will also be considering ways to improve our school environment and creating detailed maps of the school as part of their learning.

Science:

This half term, we will begin by exploring *seasonal changes* and observing how the environment transforms from Autumn to Winter.

We will then move on to investigating *materials*, examining whether they float or sink, melt or freeze, and how they absorb water.

Art:

This half term, we will be learning about the artist *Jackson Pollock*. The children will explore painting using a variety of textures, tools, and techniques.

They will study Pollock's unique style and use his work as inspiration to create their own expressive artwork.

PSHE:

This half term, we will be focusing on *Celebrating Differences*. The children will be learning to recognise and appreciate the things that make us unique, as well as the similarities we share. They will explore the topic of bullying—understanding what it means, what to do if it happens, and how to seek help. We will also be learning about friendship and how to build positive relationships with others.

Computing

This term in Computing, Year 1 will be exploring *digital art*. Pupils will have the opportunity to create their own digital paintings, taking inspiration from a variety of artists and styles. Through this unit, they will begin to develop their creativity and confidence using digital tools.

PE

During PE this half term we will be focussing on our catching and throwing techniques.

PE is every Friday.