



ST ANNE'S RC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Spring 2 Newsletter

Year One



Writing and Phonics:

In Writing this half term, Year 1 will be exploring two engaging texts: *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon and *Dolphin Boy* by Michael Morpurgo. In our *Beegu* unit, we will focus on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly. We will practise adding adjectives to describe characters and learn about the key features of a letter, before writing our own letters. During our *Dolphin Boy* unit, we will use adjectives to describe characters and settings, join ideas using "because", and write thoughtful diary entries inspired by the story.

Maths

In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be focusing on addition and subtraction within 20. We will use our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us learn and apply number bonds to 20. We will then move on to place value within 50. This will include counting in groups of 10, partitioning numbers into tens and ones, estimating on a number line, and finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number.

Geography:

This half term in Geography, Year 1 will be learning all about the United Kingdom. We will learn how to locate the UK on a world map and identify where we live. The children will explore the four countries that make up the UK and learn their capital cities. We will also find out about the seas that surround our island and begin to use simple map skills.

Religious Education (RE):

This half term in RE, we will be focusing on the Easter story. The children will learn about Lent, including Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, and explore the events leading up to the Resurrection. We will discuss the temptation Jesus faced during his time in the wilderness and how this links to the idea of fasting during Lent.

PSHE:

In PSHE this half term, we will be learning about the different ways we can stay healthy. We will explore how to make healthy choices, including eating a balanced diet and staying active. We will discuss the importance of being clean and looking after our bodies to prevent illness. The children will also learn about medicines and how they can help us when used safely with a trusted adult. In addition, we will focus on road safety and how to keep ourselves safe when near roads.

Science:

In Science this half term, we will be finishing our topic on animals by learning about different diets. The children will sort animals into herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and explore what each group eats. We will then move on to learning about why it is important to care for our planet. The children will discuss simple ways we can help.

ART:

This half term in Art, we will be focusing on collage. The children will explore a range of collage techniques and experiment with different materials to create interesting textures and effects. We will practise skills such as folding, crumpling, tearing and layering paper to build our designs. techniques.

Computing

In Computing the children will continue to develop their confidence in logging in, using basic programs and navigating devices safely and independently. We will also be focusing on data, information and grouping. The children will learn how to sort and group objects in different ways.

PE

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

PE is every Friday.