



ST ANNE'S RC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Year One



Writing and Phonics:

In Writing this half term we will be focussing on two stories: Whatever Next and The Gruffalo. Our first writing unit is based on Whatever Next. During this unit, the children will focus on applying their phonics knowledge within their writing. Our second unit will be based on The Gruffalo. During this unit the children will focus on descriptive writing. The children will be focussing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces throughout each unit.

Maths

This half term, we will develop our understanding of place value within 10. We will practise recognising quantities and numerals, reading and writing numbers as words, counting forwards and backwards from any given number, finding one more and one less, and comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to.

Religious Education (RE):

In RE, our focus will be Creation and Covenant. Throughout this unit, we will explore the wonderful world God created and develop our understanding of how we can care for and protect His creation. We will consider our responsibilities towards the world around us and explore ways we can show gratitude for God's gifts.

Geography:

Our topic this half term is 'What Were Homes Like in the Past?' We will explore different types of homes and investigate how homes have changed over time. We will compare homes from the past with those today and discover how developments in technology have changed the way we live, work and carry out everyday tasks.

Science:

This half term, we will develop our understanding of the human body. We will identify and name different parts of the body and learn about the five senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. We will explore how our senses help us to understand and interact with the world around us.

Art:

This half term, our Art focus will be Monochromatic Art. We will explore the work of artist Christa Rijneveld, developing our understanding of how different marks and lines can be created using pencils. We will experiment with a range of pencil techniques and use lines, shapes and tones to create detailed drawings.

PSHE:

Our PSHE topic is 'Being Me in My Own World'. We will explore our rights and responsibilities and consider how our choices and actions affect ourselves and others. We will learn about rewards, consequences and the importance of making positive choices. We will also reflect on our achievements and understand what makes us feel proud.

Computing

Our Computing topic is 'Computer Systems and Networks – Technology Around Us'. We will explore the different types of technology we use in our everyday lives and develop our confidence when using digital devices. Children will practise logging on independently, using a keyboard and mouse, and understanding how technology can help us at home and in school.

PE – Monday & Friday

This half term, children will practise balancing, moving their bodies at different speeds and in different directions, jumping, skipping and developing their coordination.