







Term: Advent Term

Teacher: Mrs Dann

Class 1

Class 1 information: Welcome to Class 1 to our new children and parents, and a big welcome back to our returning Year Ones. I am very much looking forward to teaching your children this year and look forward to all the wonderful learning opportunities that will take place. This year I will be supported by Mrs Mee. We look forward to working together with you to achieve the best start to your child's education. We ask that children arrive promptly in class at 8:45am each morning as we start the day with a morning task such as a maths recap, handwriting or spelling practice. Your child will receive a home school diary which is used for communication between parents and teachers; I have an open-door policy so please see me after school or make an appointment if you need to speak with me. Class 1 have PE on Tuesdays ; children need to come into school dressed in their school PE kits in line with the school uniform policy.	
Homework: Children in Reception will receive new sound practice sheets as and when the sounds are taught, please practice these at home as it really does help to embed them. Children in Year One will receive a small maths task and a writing task every Friday, children have a week to complete this work. Please ensure that the homework book is returned every Friday so that it can be marked and new homework set. Reading - It is so important that children read regularly at home, this can be their school reading books, library books or magazines. Please record reading in your child's home school diary.	
Curriculum areas	
RE 	In RE we will be completing the topic 'Myself.' During this unit children will gain the knowledge and understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of my name – Explore God knows and loves me and each one by name – Reveal Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond We will do this through a range of activities such as painting our self-portraits, role play, writing a class prayer, learning routines such as prayers, collective worship in class and with the whole school and circle time discussions. Scripture: Psalm 139: 1-2 <i>Lord you have examined me and you know me. You know everything I do from afar. You understand all my thoughts.</i>
Literacy 	In Literacy EYFS children will begin phonics lessons and will learn a sound a day as well as beginning to learn to blend sounds to read words. We will be holding a parents information evening regarding phonics with a letter to follow with details in due course. In Year One we will be continuing our phonics work through the Read Write Inc. Scheme. Children will continue to learn up to three new sounds a week and build on reading skills. There will be a range of exciting reading and writing activities set up every day for the children to explore. Our book-based literacy will begin with Vlad and the Florence Nightingale adventure.
Numeracy 	In Numeracy Year One will be developing our understanding of place value within 20. Children will progress on to addition and subtraction within 20 and will also continue to complete a froggy maths challenge. Children will be learning to explore patterns within number and learn the 2 times tables. Children in Reception will build on their knowledge of number to consolidate a deep understanding of numbers to 5. This includes understanding the composition of numbers within 5. We will explore a range of nursery rhymes, books and practical activities to support their understanding.
Topic 	Our topic this term is: Nurturing Nurses where we will focus on History. We will be exploring the lives of some VIP'S including Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. The key questions for this topic are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is a significant person to you? 2. Who is Florence Nightingale? 3. How did Florence Nightingale improve nursing? 4. How did Mary Seacole help the soldiers? 5. Can you identify the similarities and differences between two nurses from our Topic? 6. How has nursing changed from Victorian Times to now?
Science	Our Science topic this term is: The human body – senses We will be exploring the five senses through lots of practical experiments. We will be blind taste testing sweet/sour and salty foods to explore our tastebuds. We will be looking at how different materials feel using a range of vocabulary to describe this. We will also be learning about our eyes and labelling some parts of the eye.



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How you can help at home:

Please encourage your child to read daily as this will aid their reading progression and consolidate their enjoyment of reading. Children should be reading their books at school and home.

Please also encourage your child to use the White Rose 1 minute maths app – compatible with most tablets and phones, this is an excellent app which can help your child with subitizing, addition and subtraction.

Please add to your child's tapestry page regularly as this enables us to celebrate achievements outside of school and get to know your child well. In turn, I will post on tapestry and twitter regularly so that you are kept up to date with your child's learning and school events.

Class 1 twitter - @SCharlescl32532

If you have any queries regarding this term's curriculum coverage please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see Mrs Dann.

