



Welcome Back Year 1!

Year 1: Mrs McGurk

Spring Term 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **KS2 Talent Show:**
8th February
1:30pm
- **KS1 Talent Show:**
9th February
9:00am
- **INSET Day:** 16th February
- **World Book Day**
1st March
- **Year 1 Class Assembly:**
9th March 9am
- **Parents Consultations:**
13th March 4-7pm
- **Parents Consultations:**
14th March 1:30-3.30pm

Visit to be confirmed

Happy New Year to all of the parents and children of Year 1! We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for another exciting term. There will be some new faces this term: I will be in Year 1 Monday to Thursday, Mrs Fitzgerald will be here on Friday and we are lucky to have student teacher Miss Smith every day for the first half of the Spring term.

At the heart of our learning this term:

- **Special People**

We will recognise that we are surrounded by people who love and care for us. We will learn that there are people who have special roles within our parish. We will also learn why Jesus is a very special person in all of our families.

- **Meals**

We will explore how the parish family gathers for the Eucharistic Feast. We will retell the story of the Last Supper and learn about the importance of Holy Communion during the Mass.

- **Change**

During Lent we will learn that during this time we reflect on life and change. We will retell the story of Palm Sunday and find out why we celebrate this special day in church.

Fire! Fire!

We will continue our Dig and Discover; Make and Master theme this term as we dig deep into the history of the Great Fire of London. We will discover how the Great Fire changed London forever. We will compare the urban city life of London with rural country life found near us in the villages of Nottinghamshire.

Exciting stories such as Beegu and Toby and the Great Fire of London will inspire us to write this term as we explore different characters and their adventures. These stories will be used as inspiration for our sculptures which will explore the use of line, form and action. In DT the children will make their own model houses in the style of the Seventeenth Century.

Year 1 will visit the library and select books to help us with our learning. We will write our own adventure stories and describe different story settings and locations.

We will solve Great Fire word problems in maths and practice our measuring skills as we build our own Great Fire of London street.

Our music lessons will be inspired by the beats and rhythms used in the film 'Peter Pan.' The children will create and compose their own pieces of music that any Lost Boy would be proud of!

In science we will observe and describe the weather associated with the different seasons and how day length and temperature vary. We will ask what was the weather like in London at the time of the Great Fire? Was this important?

We will investigate different materials and their everyday uses. We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials in the context of building city of London houses..

Our PE sessions this term will focus on outdoor games incorporating agility, balance and co-ordination. We will be learning how to work co-operatively in a team. We will learn to sing London's Burning in a round, as well as other traditional songs such as London Bridge is Burning down and Ring-a-Ring-of-Roses

PE

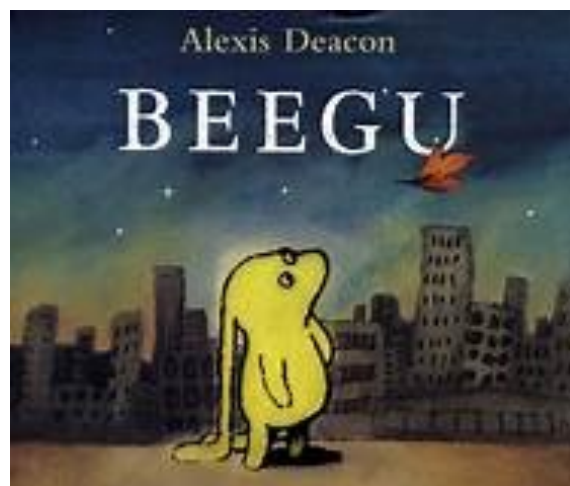
This half term our PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**.

Kit: PE kits must be brought into school on a Monday and will be returned on Friday. PE kits should include a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsolls and socks.

Earrings: Due to health and safety reasons, earrings **must** be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

Our **Thursday** sessions will take place outside and focus on team games. Children must have plimsolls for these sessions and may wear jogging bottoms and warm tops.

Friday sessions are Dance focusing on co-ordination and learning routines.



Year 1 Blog

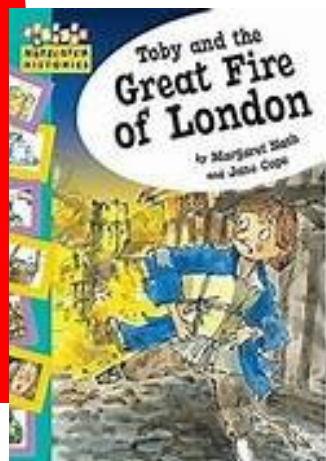
Please check our blog regularly to see what Year 1 have been up to on their adventures. The children are keen to share their experiences with others. We encourage you to leave comments on the blog but please remember to use first names only.

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Forest Schools:

After half term we will be visiting Glapton Woods every week as part of our Forest School Programme. The children will explore the local woodland as they imagine what the city of London was like before the fire. They will use tools and knots to manipulate natural materials as they construct their own version of the city.

Children will need to bring a change of clothes for these sessions and wellington boots. There will be more information about this to follow. It's great fun!



And finally...if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me either before or after the school day. Alternatively please see me to arrange an appointment at a convenient time.

I am looking forward to getting to know the children and can't wait to start this busy and exciting term!

Mrs McGurk