



Welcome Back Year 1!

Mr Harvey

Spring Term 2022

Happy New Year to all of the parents and children of Year 1! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for another exciting 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.

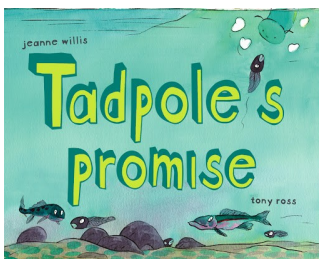


Rise up like a Phoenix: how will you let your spirit shine this term?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Number Day:** 2nd February
- **Y1 Assembly:** 9th February
- **INSET Day:** 11th February
- **World Book Day:** 3rd March
- **Parent's Consultations:** 30th & 31st March

This term in Year 1 we will be covering lots of very exciting topics and books.



In Talk for Writing, we will be

covering the books 'Tadpole's Promise' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will be learning these stories and then using them to create our own.

In science the children will be looking at different animals, including humans. We will be letting our inner-scientist shine as we learn and investigate. We are also continuing to look at the four seasons and the impact they have.

In history we will be learning all about 'The Great Fire of London'. This is a fantastic topic which I am sure the



children will enjoy thoroughly. We will then be making water carrying carts in D&T to help the firefighters in 1666.

In Geography we will be looking at and investigating 'hot and cold places'. We will specifically be looking at The Kalahari Desert and The Arctic and comparing them to where we live. We will also be linking this to our science topic by looking at the different animals that live in these hot and cold places and what makes them able to live in such extreme climates.

In Art we will be making sculptures based on the prestigious artist Sokari Douglas Camp. She is an inspirational woman who creates spectacular sculptures. We want to capture her idea that art carries a message by creating our very own Phoenixes; rising from the ashes and letting our spirit shine.





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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Thank you.

PE

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

Kit: PE kits must be brought into school and will be kept in school unless it gets dirty. 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 **Wednesday and Friday** sessions will take place outside and focus on team games with Gordon and ball game/athletics with Mr Harvey. Children **must** have plimsolls or trainers for these sessions and may wear jogging bottoms and warm tops.

Reading Books

All children have been given a reading record, phonetically decodable book and banded reading book. Please listen to your child read **everyday** and write a comment in the reading record.

Children should bring in their reading books everyday. We have weekly guided reading sessions and volunteers who listen to the children read.

Please continue to work on the Year 1 common exception words. These words cannot be decoded using phonics. All children are expected to be able to read and spell all of these words by the end of the year. Please refer to this word list regularly in order to help your child learn them.

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 another fantastic term in Year 1. Your children are amazing, you should be very proud of their hard work in school.

All the best— Mr Harvey