

**Class 1 Newsletter**

**Term 5**

**Summer Term**

Be the BEST You Can Be

*Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Collossians 3:23*

WELCOME!   
Hope you have all had a lovely Easter break.

We have lots to look forward to again this term with lots to pack into 5 weeks.

Our Christian Value for this term is *Generosity and Service*, which we will be exploring through our whole school and class worships, as well as how we can show this value in our daily lives.

What we are learning  
Our **History** **topic** this term is new for us in Year 1 and it’s called Toys. We will start by thinking about what our favourite toys are like – what they do and what they are made of – and then we will be exploring how toys have changed over time and how different materials were used in the past. What may be the next most wanted toy of the future..?

In **English**, we will go back to a time before people existed and tap into a firm children’s favourite… dinosaurs. We will be using Talk for Writing to write a story and also a dinosaur report. We will continue to work through Phase 5 in phonics.

At the start of the term, in **Maths** by securing our understanding of Place Value to 50. We will then be focusing on Measurement – length/height and volume/capacity. We will continue to practise counting up in 2, 5 and 10 as the basis to recalling table facts and also start to learn about Division in terms of simple grouping and sharing. Our KIRF for this term is *I can count within 100 forwards and backwards, starting with any number.*

The topic for **Science** this term is 'Everyday Materials’. We will be exploring and learning about everyday materials and their properties, such as metal, plastic, wood and glass, what they are used for and why. There will be a number of investigations taking place during our sessions - a jam-packed term for our young scientists in class 1!

In **RE** we are going to be learning about Judaism and finding out about the beliefs and tradition of the Jewish people with a particular focus on the custom of Shabbat.

Through our **PSHE** sessions we will be discussing Relationships, how we should be respectful to our friends and also how to resolve problems if they should occur.

For **Art**, we will be finding out about different sculptors - e.g. Brendan Jameson, Eva Rothschild - and trying out some of their sometimes original and unusual ideas. We will also be heading outside to make the most of our great outdoor area to inspire our imagination in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.

We will be delving into our imagination in **Music**, listening to different pieces of music that inspire us to do this, such as Pure Imagination, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and Daydream Believer. We will learn the song Your Imagination and use instruments to accompany it.

We are learning about **Coding** in our **ICT** sessions this term. The aim of the sessions will be so the children can create a simple program using code blocks and can use event, object and action code blocks. Many children can now independently log-in to Purple Mash and we would be grateful if you encouraged this if/when using this at home.

Dates for this term

Maypole Club starts: Mon 22nd May

Class photographs: Tues 30th April

May Bank Holiday: Mon 6th May

End of Term: Fri 24th May

Useful Information

**This term, PE will be Football and will be on a Wednesday.**



These sessions will be outside so children may need a PE jumper for some of these lessons.

Please send your child in with a water bottle every day which is especially important as the weather heats up. Thank you.

…and finally

Remember you can always still contact me via Class Dojo – I do try to check this regularly. If you need me more urgently, please phone the school and leave a message with the office.

There is more information about what we are covering this term, including key objectives and vocabulary linked to our topics, on the Class 1 page of the school website.

It’s going to be another fun term with some lovely sunshine hopefully…!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Reading

We will continue to hear your children read each week within a guided group reading session where we will read books that match their phonetic ability. Please can you ensure your children have their books and reading record books in their bag each day as this makes it much easier for us to manage?

We will continue to change your children’s books once a week.

We would also be very grateful if you continue to read with your child daily – or as often as possible as this really does make a difference.

Thank you.