

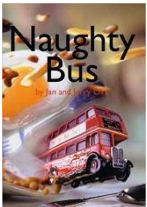


Autumn 2

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We welcome the children back after half term and look forward to starting our new topic '**A Trip around Town**'. Our learning will be based around our quality texts 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke, 'Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!' by Mo Willems, and 'The Littlest Yak' by Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley.



RE

We start our new topic 'Prophecy and Promise' where we will learn about the Nativity story and the events that led up to it. We will be learning the stories of The Annunciation, The Visitation and The Nativity. We are encouraging parents to share these stories with the children to support their learning at school.



English

We will begin our English learning by looking at our chosen text, 'Naughty Bus'. We will be developing our fiction writing by reporting on what Naughty Bus gets up to in our school. Our focus will continue to be; extending our vocabulary, speaking in full sentences and further developing our understanding of sentence structure.

Reading will continue to be a crucial part of our learning. It is essential that the children are able to recognise and spell '**tricky words**' as well as being able to use their phonics knowledge to improve both their reading and writing. We are encouraging the children to read as much as possible and to further develop their comprehension skills by answering questions about a text.

Phonics

Focused phonics sessions will take place every day. Please encourage your children to apply their phonics knowledge to their reading by sounding out and blending words. At St Joseph's we follow the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme. You can find further information about Little Wandle and how phonics is taught on their website:



www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Maths

In maths we are currently focusing on numbers to 20. We are reading and saying these numbers; representing these numbers using a variety of resources such as counters; and adding and subtracting within 20 using drawings (pictorial representations) to help us. Other important maths targets in Year 1 are to count to 100 forwards and backwards, to read and write numbers to 100 and to identify one more than and one less than for each of these numbers. We will also look at 2D and 3D shapes. Please spend as much time as you can practising these important targets with your child and try to make them into a game by using counters, covering numbers, singing numbers, etc. The children will be working hard to develop their problem solving skills.

Topic

Geography: This half term we will learning about local area of Heywood. We will learn that Heywood is a town in Greater Manchester and that Manchester is our closest city. We will be looking at landmarks in Heywood and making simple maps of our local area.

History: We will researching the history of our local park 'Queen's Park' and learning about how it has changed over time. We will compare what Queen's Park looks like now to old photographs of the park.

Computing: We will be learning how to program a robot to move around a map to find buried treasure. We will start by thinking of algorithms for routes then input these as stored programs for the robot. We will predict how the robot will move and will debug our programs.

Art: This half term we will be looking at the work of the artist Vincent Van Gogh. We will be discussing his style and common features of his paintings and then creating our own winter landscape paintings inspired by his style of painting.

Science

We will continue to learn about seasons and in particular autumn and winter. We will also be developing our investigative skills by measuring and recording details of the weather.

PE

This half term classes 3 and 4 will have PE on **Mondays and Fridays**. Please ensure your child wears their full PE kit on these days. For safety, please ensure that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed.

Homework

Reading – Please continue to read every day with your child. Books will only be changed if reading records have been signed by an adult.

Reading Rainbow – This year we will be introducing the 'Reading Rainbow' to the children. They will move up the reading rainbow for number of occasions they read.

30 times reading – Red



60 times reading – Orange

90 times reading – Yellow

120 times reading – Green

150 times reading – Blue

180 times reading – Indigo

200 times reading – Violet

We hope that your children enjoy exploring our new topic.

The Year 1 team