



St Nicholas Class

Year 1

Autumn term 2019

Parent information Booklet

St. Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Children. He is commonly identified with Santa Claus due to his reputation for generosity, secret gift-giving and his kindness to children.

Autumn Term Learning Journeys



Our first Learning Journey is called 'Princesses and Knights'. We will look at how castles have been built; find out about some medieval history based on Princesses and Knights and learn about some fairy tales. To start our Learning Journey, we will be going on a very exciting class trip to Bodiam Castle. Then at the end of the topic, the children will take part in a 'Medieval Banquet' in the classroom! Our second Learning Journey after the October holiday is called 'Let's Celebrate!'. The children will learn about celebrations from around the world including Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Bonfire Night and Christmas.

Religious Education (R.E.)

St Philips follows the R.E. scheme of work 'Come and See'. This term our topics in Year 1 will be Families, Belonging and Waiting. We will learn about how everyone belongs to the family of God and how God loves and cares for every family. We will then move onto learning about Baptism, followed by learning about Advent as we lead up to Christmas.

English

The children will engage in activities based on our Learning Journeys which encourage them to explore different stories, poems and information books.

These activities will help to develop both their reading and writing skills.

In Year 1 the children will have a daily phonics session which is based on the Letters and Sounds syllabus. These sessions will build on what they have already learnt in Reception and then focus on developing the children's ability to read unfamiliar words independently.

The children will also be involved in writing activities on a daily basis and they will practise forming their letters correctly in their handwriting books several times a week. At the moment the children are simply learning to form their letters. As we progress through the year the children will learn to write their letters using the appropriate 'lead-ins' and 'lead-outs' which will enable them to learn how to join their handwriting towards the end of the year.



Mathematics



The children will work on reading and writing numbers to 100. They will develop their knowledge of place value in order to position these numbers correctly on a number line. The children will understand how to solve simple addition and subtraction problems, and learn how to record these appropriately as number sentences. The children will recap on their number bonds to 10 and 20 and should learn to recall these facts from memory.

The children will also continue to learn about shapes, naming them and describing their properties. They will be involved in activities which allow them to estimate, measure, weigh and compare objects. They will learn how to measure using both non-standard units (e.g. multilink cubes) and standard units (e.g. a ruler).

Science

In our Science lessons this term we shall be learning about the human body. This will involve identifying basic body parts, learning about our senses, and comparing humans to other animals. We will also learn about how we change as we grow and become older. Later on in the term our Science topic will be 'Light and Dark'. We will learn that we need light to see things; that darkness is where there is no light and that it is easier to see other lights when the sun is not out.

Throughout both terms we will learn about 'Seasonal changes' in terms of the weather and the day length as we progress through Autumn and into Winter.

Computing



In Year 1 we have 3 computers in the classroom and the children will visit the ICT suite once or twice every week. Our Computing work will be integrated through the curriculum. The children will be involved in learning to use the Internet to research topics, use picture software to create pictures and play interactive games linked to English, Maths and our Learning Journeys. We aim to enhance children's keyboard skills and familiarity with computers. We will also ensure that the children understand how to be safe when online.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Our P.E. lessons will focus on working as a team in multi skill games and by exploring different ways of moving in Gymnastics. The children will build up their physical skills, and begin to be able to put together a sequence of movements.

The children will be encouraged to respond to instruction and understand the need for safety when involved in P.E. lessons. They will learn about the effect that exercise has on their bodies.

Music

St Philips follows a Music Curriculum devised by East Sussex County Music. The units have activities suited to each year group and cover a range of styles and genres. The children will have the opportunity to listen to music, perform to music and use their own skills of composition to complement the music.

The children will engage in daily singing, where they will sing familiar songs and also learn some new ones relating to our topics. We will listen to some Medieval music, and use the percussion instruments to create our own Medieval music.



Art and Design / Design and Technology

In our Art lessons the children will explore different ways of using and combining media and materials. They will be involved in activities about princesses, knights and castles, for example creating a charcoal picture of a castle and designing and making a Knight's shield. They will also have other opportunities during the school week to be involved in creative activities of their own choosing.

EPR

The children will continue to join in with circle times where they will focus on the children's feelings about moving to a new class and the experiences they go through on a day to day

basis. Later on in the term we will be thinking closely about how we interact with others and talk about positive ways with dealing with our feelings.

History and Geography

The children will consider changes within their living memory. They will explore the history of castles, the people that used to live in castles and the jobs that were done. They will learn about where castles were built and consider the environment that castles were built in. Later on in the Autumn term they will learn about the great event of the Gunpowder plot and about Guy Fawkes. We will also consider seasonal and daily weather throughout the term.



Homework



Each child has been given a coloured banded reading book suited to their ability. We would like every child to try to read at home at least 3 times a week. Regular practice will be beneficial for your child. They will also practise their reading in school time.

Most children will have keywords to learn this year. These words will all be 'tricky words' i.e. words that the children cannot sound out

phonetically and have been taken from the High Frequency word lists for Reception, Year 1 and 2 in the Letters and Sounds syllabus. Your child has been assessed to see which words they can already read. Mrs Smith will go through each child's keywords once a week, if they have learnt to read them then they will be given some new words to learn.

Each week (on a Friday) the children will be given a simple Maths task to complete in their Homework book. Mrs Burman will collect this work in on a Friday and then a new task will be given each week.

As the term progresses the children will each be given a spelling book. They will have some words or letters to practise learning at home and be given a 'test' on these words once a week (on a Tuesday).

Finally, the children will be given a Homework grid with some suggested activities on it. You can complete these whenever you feel appropriate. If there is a written outcome to a task this can be completed in your child's Homework book.

Please remember to check your child's bookbag on a daily basis for information about homework and other letters.

If you would like any further information on what we are doing in school, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us before or after school.

Many thanks,

The Year 1 Team

Mrs Sarah McCurdy (Class Teacher - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Mrs Ruth Burman (Class Teacher - Thursday, Friday)

Mrs Poppy Smith (HLTA)