



**Mission Statement**

***Guided by Jesus' love and example, we use our gifts to grow, pray and learn as a community; united in faith.***

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a big thank you and well done to the children for all of their hard work in Year 1 so far. It has been great to see how enthusiastic they are to learn and challenge themselves. Please remember to put names into clothing and shoes. Below is an outline of what we will be learning in the exciting term ahead:

<p><b>Religious Education</b> – we will continue to follow the 'Come and See' programme and this term we will be studying three topics: Special People (our Domestic Church Topic); Meals (a Sacraments topic); and Change (Lentern topic).</p>		<p><b>English</b> – this term we have some great texts to explore! We will begin by looking at Alice in Wonderland, which will help us to learn the structure of story. After half-term, we will be learning all about how to create interesting descriptions in our writing as we look at a story called Handa's Surprise. Our non-fiction units this term will cover discussion text and instruction writing.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b> – the children will continue learning number and place value (up to 50), length and height and weight and volume.</p>	<p><b>History</b> – to begin the term we will be learning all about significant nurses, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. <b>Geography</b> - after half-term, our Geography learning will be centred around exploring seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.</p>	<p><b>Art</b> – In our art lessons we will be thinking how we can use artwork to show different feelings by exploring different colours and mediums. We will be studying artwork by Mark Rothko, Jackson Pollock and Wassily Kandinsky.</p>
<p><b>Science</b> – to start the term we will be exploring everyday materials. We will be learning about their properties and testing them to find the best material for a waterproof coat. After half-term, we will be recapping learning about the human body.</p>		<p><b>PE</b> - Children should continue to arrive at school wearing their PE kit and remain in it for the whole day children should be wearing plain black, navy or grey tracksuit. Please remember to label all items of clothing. We have started the Lent term doing gymnastics. After, we will move onto dance and net games for the remainder of the term.</p>

Please remember to make use of the Year 1 email and the reading records if you have any comments, queries or concerns.

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