Year 1 ADVENT 1 Newsletter





Key Dates

4.9.25 – Term begins16.09.25 Online virtual author visit18.9.25- Start of Year Mass

24.10.24- End of Term

In Science, our topic is 'Everyday Materials'. Children will be able to identify and name what an object is made from, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. We will investigate and describe the simple physical properties of some everyday materials, such as hard or soft; stretchy or stiff; rough or smooth; opaque or transparent; bendy or rigid and waterproof or not waterproof and undertake investigations to find the best material for a given task.



In Art we will be exploring the work of Pablo Picasso (Cubism). Children will explore a range of drawing tools to make marks and recognise that ideas can be expressed in art work. They will be introduced to the use of emotions in Picasso's work and know he was famous for his abstract and cubism work.

Our Geography topic is 'The United Kingdom'. Children will be learning and using geographical vocabulary to identify and describe physical and human features.

They will develop skills to enable them to:

- draw and read simple picture maps;
- name and locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas;
- use simple directional and positional language to give directions, describe the location of features and discuss where things are in relation to each other

In RE our topic this half term is Creation and Covenant.
The children will be introduced to the Creation story in
Genesis as a prayerful and poetic reflection on God's world.

During this topic, the children will be retelling the story of creation, exploring the scripture through drama and art. They will share their wonder of creation and recognise that prayer can bring us closer to God.

They will learn that caring for our local community (school) matters to us and to God and that around the world, different communities care for God's creation.

We will be focusing on the Our Father prayer and the meaning of it.

In Maths this term we will begin our unit on Place Value and move onto Addition & Subtraction before half term.

In English our writing focus this term will be a descriptive setting narrative linked to a woodland theme. We will be focusing on letter formation and simple sentences. In RWI children will develop their phonic knowledge and build their ability to spell and read word on sight. Our reading for pleasure texts will include- The Gruffalo, Owl Babies, A Walk in the Woods, plus other stories from our reading corner.

Reading books and records to be sent in every day please. Dojos awarded for 3 recorded 10-minute reads at home.