



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Year 1 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the Summer Term! The children have already made a fabulous start and I am very impressed by the level of enthusiasm and interest that they are showing towards the challenges and experiences that this term will bring.

If you have any queries or concerns, no matter how big or small, please don't hesitate to contact me either by ringing the main office or by sending an email to Year1@stcuthbertsk.org

English

Our English work this term will focus on:

- Recounts
- Poetry
- Traditional stories



Where possible, English work will be linked to our main geography and history topics this term: '**Grace Darling**' and '**The Seaside**'. Children will also be developing knowledge and skills in phonics, spelling, grammar, punctuation, reading comprehension and how to respond to different texts as well as developing speaking and listening skills.



Maths

The children will start the term focusing on measuring and position and direction. We will move onto revision of all of the key learning in Year 1, include the 4 operations, place value and fractions. Within each of these areas we will include problem-solving tasks to allow the children to apply their knowledge and understanding.

Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

- Holidays and Holy Days
- Being Sorry
- Neighbours



Creative Curriculum

During the Summer Term, Year 1 will be learning all about **Grace Darling** and **The Seaside**; this will incorporate skills and knowledge in Science, History, Geography, English, Maths, Art and Design Technology and Computing. We have numerous exciting activities planned that I know the children will thoroughly enjoy.

Notices

Trip to St Mary's Lighthouse: This will take place on **Thursday 9th May** and we will be returning to school in time for normal pick up. Children are to wear school PE kit on this day. Please remember to bring a packed lunch unless you have requested one to be provided by school.

Parents' Maths Workshop: Parents are invited to participate in a maths session with their child to find out more about how maths is taught in Year 1. **Wednesday 15th May** at **8:45 am**

Year 1 Assembly : Please come and watch our class assembly about Grace Darling on **Friday 14th June** at **9:00am**

PE - PE will continue to be on Monday and Friday this term. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days and that they are wearing suitable shoes. Please also ensure that they are not wearing earrings or that earrings are covered up on these days.

School Uniform – Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform and that every item of their clothing is labelled clearly. More information about school uniform, including appropriate haircuts, can be found on the school's website (www.stcuthbertsk.newcastle.sch.uk).

Water Bottles – Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle to keep in the classroom. It is important that your child is able to open and close their own water bottle properly.

Sun Cream – Please ensure that you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and that they have a labelled bottle of sun cream to keep at school.

Homework

It is vitally important to your child's learning that they are heard to read by an adult every evening for approximately 10 minutes. This does not always need to be your child's reading book – personal books can be included too. Please continue to comment in your child's reading record to enable us to monitor their progress. We will send any Evidence Me observations at the end of each half term.



In addition to this, we will also be monitoring the use of Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress. These are fantastic and engaging resources which the children love to access in school. Please also access these programmes at home to support your child with their word reading and comprehension skills.

Please also check the FFT Parent Portal to see the class book we will be reading each week as part of our phonics teaching and application. Details are in your child's yellow Reading Record.

- ✎ Spellings are set on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. The children will be given the weekly spellings in their blue spelling book which they must bring to school **every day**. The spellings for each group will also be available to view by following this link:

https://st-cuthberts.eschools.co.uk/web/spellings_summer_1_2024/673278

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will be more than happy to help you.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Mrs Houghton and Mrs Renforth

