



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024 and a very special welcome back to school to the Year 1 children. 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, please don't hesitate to ring me at school, make an appointment to see me, or email me at year1@stcuthbertsk.org. I will be happy to help you with anything that you are unsure about and will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

English

Our English work this term will focus on:

- Traditional Tales
- Poetry
- Stories with traditional settings



Where possible, English work will be linked to our main geography and history topics this term: '**China & Celebrations**' and '**Traditional Tales**'. 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. We will then move on to Geometry: Properties of Shape and Fractions. Within each of these areas we will include problem-solving tasks.

Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

- Special People
- Special Meals
- Change



Creative Curriculum

This Spring Term, Year 1 will be learning all about **China & Celebrations** and **Traditional Tales**; 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

PE - PE will be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** this term. Please ensure that children come to school on these days in full PE kit including suitable footwear. Please remember that earrings must be covered or removed 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 can be found on the school's website:

https://st-cuthberts.eschools.co.uk/web/school_uniform/175576

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.

Healthy Packed Lunches – As a Healthy School, part of our responsibility is to ensure that families provide healthy packed lunches for their children. Due to allergies, nuts and nut or sesame products must not be brought into school.

Phonics Information Parents' Session

We invite you to attend a Phonics workshop where we will demonstrate how Phonics is taught in Year 1 and give an opportunity to take part in phonics activities with your child. The session will take place on **Wednesday 7th Feb** from **9am – 10am**.

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 comment in your child's reading record to enable us to monitor their progress. Please also log on to Reading Eggs regularly at home.



- ✎ Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. The spellings can be found on the KS1 section of the website, or by following this link:

https://www.stcuthbertsk.org/web/spellings_spring_1_2024/666295

A reminder that you can also access the Parent Portal to support your child with the text we are reading in our paired reading sessions by following this link:

Link: <https://parents.fft.org.uk/> Password: 4zksiy

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

Many thanks and best wishes,

Mrs Houghton and Mrs Renforth