

St Gabriel's RC Primary School

Curriculum newsletter – Autumn 2018

Y1

Statements to live by: Understand their uniqueness as made in the image of God and develop self-awareness, positive self-esteem and confidence. Know and understand the importance of justice.

English

In phonics we will be improving our knowledge of sounds. We will use these sounds to help us decode words when we are reading. We will participate in Guided Reading and answer questions about what we have read. In writing, we ensure that we use finger spaces, clear letters and sound out words carefully. During the term we will be improving our handwriting. We will enjoy lots of lovely books to help us build our skills. We will be beginning with *The tiger who came to tea*.



Maths

We will be learning to say, read and write numbers, calculate, order numbers and count forwards and backwards in 1s and then 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be working with numbers up to 100, and beyond when ready. We will be learning different number bonds and related facts. We will become familiar with mathematical symbols and start to work out different calculations involving addition and subtraction. In our geometry topic, we will look at different 2D and 3D shapes.

Computing

Children will be learning about technology and how to use it safely. We will be learning how to use programmable toys such as the Bee-bots. Throughout different subjects we will discuss e-safety and use iPads to take photographs.

RE In RE we will be working on activities linked to ourselves and our families, developing our understanding that we are part of God's Family.

PSHE Children will participate in Circle Time to help them explore and describe their feelings. Much of our work will be linked to our Statements to Live by for this term.



Learning Challenge in the Arts and Humanities

Our work will be linked to our topic of Toys. We will explain what we know about toys today. We will be looking at and comparing toys from the past and modern times. We will learn how to find out about the past. We will also describe the features of different toys. We will be doing artwork linked to Religion this term. We will be enjoying music with our music specialist each week.

Science Our topic is Materials. We will be learning about natural and manmade materials and the materials different objects are made out of. We will learn to recognise and describe materials and we will enjoy sorting them in different ways. We will then use all this new knowledge to carry out investigations.

PE

Children will continue to develop their gymnastic and key skills this term.

Homework

It is expected that all children complete their homework to a high standard. A project is handed out at the beginning of each half term. Weekly spellings will also be given, spellings will be tested weekly in class. Please read with your child every day/most days and sign their reading record.

Reading every day makes a huge difference!