



St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Year 1 September 2020



Welcome to Year 1!

In these strange times I am really pleased to welcome all of our Year 1 class back to St Michael's. Our goal this term is to try and ensure that all of the children feel safe and happy back in school. Our school day will be organised more like a reception class to begin with. We will have lots of opportunities to learn through independent play and focus group work with an adult. In this way we will be able to really get to know the children's individual learning needs.



Save Our Seas - Science and Geography

This term our topic is 'Save Our Seas'. We will be learning about the animals that live in the seas around the United Kingdom. We will explore some real fish to look at their body structure compared to ours. We will be learning about the Marine Conservation Society and how they work to protect endangered animals in the UK. Finally, we will be looking at how we can help and make a difference to help protect the animals that make our seas so amazing.



Phonics and Reading

This term we will be focusing on finding out what the children know and what we need to learn next. Over the next few weeks, each child will be assessed and given a set of flashcards to work on. It is really important to read at home, even if you can just read for 10 minutes each day. At school we will learn through guided reading in small groups and 1:1 reading. However, nothing progresses reading as quickly as reading regularly at home with an adult. The better we are at reading the more our writing will also improve.



Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Writing

This term we will be focusing on using finger spaces, letter formation and representing every sound in a word. If appropriate, we will move on to looking at simple sentences and punctuation.

Maths

At the start of Year 1 our focus is on place value and counting accurately. We will be rehearsing counting forwards and backwards to 20, counting and sorting groups of objects, writing numbers correctly and ordering groups of objects. Then we will begin to learn about addition and subtraction.

Art

In art we will be learning how to use the painting techniques of sgraffito and tonking. We will learn about Joseph Villanueva; a current Australian sgraffito artist, and Anthony Frost; a British abstract artist.

PE

This term Year 1 will be having gymnastics on a **Thursday afternoon**. Please ensure your child has joggers and a jumper as they will need to wear their PE kit all day.

Homework

Your child will bring home one or two reading books each week. Books will be changed on a Friday. Further homework will be set later in the term.

Thank you for all your support

Mr Bailey

