

YEAR ONE

Spring 2026



Welcome back to year 1! We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for a term full of learning and fun at St. Joseph's!

Good to know...

Teachers

Miss White is the year 1 class teacher. Mrs Scaife and Ms Chapman will support in year 1. Miss Mogford will teach year 1 on a Wednesday morning to cover Miss White's Planning time. Mrs Cliffe will continue to teach the children music for half an hour each week.

PE Kit

For the first half-term, our PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please remove earrings at home on PE days.

When do we need Fluency Books, Reading Logs and Phonics packs?

Fluency homework books - Wednesdays. Homework will be marked each Wednesday and a new task will be set.

Reading logs - everyday. Children read all throughout the week in different adults in year 1.

Phonics packs - everyday. These packs will support your child's learning at school as well as home and will be updated weekly with new sounds.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Fruit is provided at break time in KS1. Children can bring an additional healthy snack if they wish and a clearly named water bottle every day.



English

Our focus texts for the term are: Stick Man and The Ugly Five by Julia Donaldson

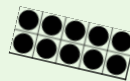
- Poems Out Loud: The Beetle- Nadine Wild-Palmer

We will be learning to write longer sentences and about poetry.



Maths

We will be learning all about numbers 1 to 20, adding and taking away. We will also be learning about measurements.



RE

Year 1 will begin thinking about the importance of Jesus' birth and what that means for us. We will learn about Jesus life, the leader he is and the miracles he has performed.



Other Subjects

History

We will be learning about important explorers.



Geography

Our work will learning about the weather in the UK.



PE

We will be improving our coordination skills.



Computing

We will be learning about animated stories.



Science

Year 1 will be learning about the different materials around us.



Art

We will be using watercolour to create different marks and paintings.



Design and Technology

We will be learning about healthy foods and develop our cutting skills.



Music

We will be exploring different sounds that we make with our bodies and instruments.



Phonics

Year 1 will be learning new phase 5 sounds.



PSHE

We will celebrating our goals and learning to stay healthy and safe.



How can I support my child at home?

Homework

Reading - please listen to your child to read their book at home everyday and write a comment in their reading log.

Fluency - the children will have fluency homework with 5 questions on to complete each week. Fluency homework should take no time at all to complete and focuses on the children's upstanding of number.

Spelling - practice the weekly spelling words with your child in a range of different ways.

Phonics packs - Phonics packs are updated weekly to match the sounds your child has learnt. Please encourage your child to identify each sound in the pack daily and practice the tricky words throughout the week too!

Children will also have a Bug Club log in to play different phonics games and re-watch the phonics videos from class.

RE Homework Projects - Once per half-term, there will be a creative RE homework project to complete with your child.

Catholic Life

Encourage your child to spend time in prayer and reflection at home. Attend Sunday Mass with them whenever possible.



Educational Visits

- Brampton Toy Museum
- Tunstall Library
- Warwick Castle (Zog land)
- A Hindu Temple
- A Local area walk

Letters will be sent out via Scopay.