



12th January 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

YEAR ONE SPRING TERM CURRICULUM COVERAGE LETTER

Welcome back and Happy New Year, we hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful gifts we each received at the end of the last term. We had a very successful autumn term and we are very much looking forward to the exciting term ahead. Learning in Year One will continue to be supported by Mrs Gunn and Miss Williams. Mrs Leyshon will support some children in the afternoons.

At St Nicholas CE Primary Academy, we follow the International Primary Curriculum for topic work which meets the requirements of the National Curriculum and its subject coverage, providing a more holistic approach to learning.

Our School Value this Term is PERSEVERANCE. We will be focusing on this as a school in Class teaching and in our whole school worship.

Maths

In Term 3 we will focus on adding and subtracting numbers to 20, we will focus on these areas ensuring that the children are able to deepen their understanding through problem solving and using their skills to reason and explain answers.

We will:

- Add by counting on
- Find & make number bonds
- Add by making 10
- Subtract numbers
- Know 'switchers' for addition and subtraction facts
- Compare and solve missing number problems

In Term 4 we will focus on place value to 50, we will focus on these areas ensuring that the children are able to deepen their understanding through problem solving and using their skills to reason and explain answers.

We will learn:

- Numbers to 50
- Tens and ones
- How to represent numbers to 50
- One more one less
- How to compare objects / numbers within 50
- Count in 2s
- Count in 5s

Children will need to be able to recall facts to 10 and 20 quickly to support their learning. Please continue to use Mathletics each week to support learning at home.

English

This term, in addition to RWI sessions the children will be learning a non-fiction text about a T-Rex. From this they will learn about fact files, information texts and descriptive writing. Later in the term we will be focusing on 'Beegu' an alien who gets left behind on Earth. We will story map the text and then learn how to write a finding story.

This term there will be a big focus on grammar and punctuation. We will be building on our letter formation, capital letters and full stops from last term.

Remember: **Busters Book Club every Wednesday!**

We really want you to read every night with your child for 10 minutes, this can also include you reading to your child so that they gain enjoyment from a variety of books.

Science

In Science Year One will be learning about the 5 senses, the parts of plants and what plants we can eat! They will be planning and carrying out experiments and of course growing our own plants which we will hopefully be able to eat too!

In more detail we will learn how to:

- Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body
- Say which part of the body is associated with each sense
- Explain the difference between a herbivore, carnivore and omnivore
- Record and observe information and experiments in different ways
- Know the names and how to identify different plants we eat

Religious Education

This term the school will be introducing the new Scheme of Work, Understanding Christianity. The focus for our learning this term is Gospel.

- Tell stories from the Bible and tell stories from the Bible and recognise a link with a concept of 'Gospel' or good news.
- Give clear, simple accounts of what Bible texts (such as the story of Matthew the tax collector) mean to Christians.
- Recognise that Jesus gives instructions to people about how to behave.
- Give at least two examples of ways in which Christians follow the teachings studied about forgiveness and peace, and bringing good news to the friendless.
- Give at least two examples of how Christians put these beliefs into practice in the Church community and their own lives (for example: charity, confession).
- Think, talk and ask questions about whether Jesus's 'good news' is only good news for Christians, or if there are things for anyone to learn

Topic – Time Travellers and We are What we Eat

We are learning about Dinosaurs and Space through our time travellers topic this term, see the curriculum letter for this term and we'll send out the 'We are what we Eat' next term.

This term we are learning to:

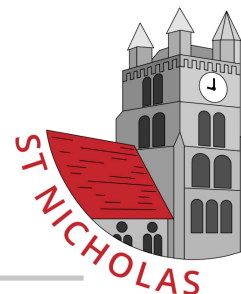
- Know about a range of events that have happened in the past
- Be able to ask and answer questions about the past
- Be able to use key words and phrases relating to the passing of time
- Be able to order events and objects into a sequence
- Be able to identify differences between their own lives and those of people who have lived in the past
- Be able to find out about aspects of the past from a range of sources of information

Be able to communicate their historical knowledge and understanding in a variety of ways

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<p>PE Balancing, agility and co-ordination will be our focus in PE this term. The children will need to have their PE kits in each week on Wednesday – remember to take earrings out please!</p>	<p>Computing & E-Safety E safety remains a focus for each term. We will begin with this focus and then learn how to move Bee-Bots with precision. Children will also be collecting information using digital methods and working with the program 2Simple to create pictures and moving images.</p>
<p>PSHE Our theme this term is 'Going for Goals'. We will be linking this to our Christian value of perseverance, focusing on how we can achieve our goals and combat any obstacles in our way. In term 4, our topic will be 'It's Good to be Me'</p>	<p>RWI RWI continues to make a huge difference to the children's phonics in Year One, we hope that this term you will continue to support your child's learning by practising sounds and handwriting during the week.</p>
<p>Other information</p> <p>Thursday 8th Feb – 3.30pm to 8pm Whole School Parent Teacher Consultations, details to follow. Monday 26th Feb – Book Week – Watch out for more details on a week filled with excitement Thursday 1st March – Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting 2:30pm Monday 5th March – RE Week Thursday 29th March – School Easter Service at 9.30am Parents Welcome to attend.</p>	

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us, either via the homework /reading diary or in person.

Yours sincerely

Miss Common and Miss Reynolds
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