



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Year 1 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the Summer Term! 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, no matter how big or small, please don't hesitate to contact me either by ringing the main office or by sending an email to Y1Stcuthbertsk@outlook.com.

English

Our English work this term will focus on:

- Recounts
- Poetry
- Traditional stories



Where possible, English work will be linked to our main geography and history topics this term: **'Grace Darling'** and **'The Seaside'**. 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 and position and direction. We will move onto revision of all of the key learning in Year 1, include the 4 operations, place value and fractions. Within each of these areas we will include problem-solving tasks to allow the children to apply their knowledge and understanding.

Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

- Holidays and Holy Days
- Being Sorry
- Neighbours



Creative Curriculum

During the Summer Term, Year 1 will be learning all about **Grace Darling** and **The Seaside**; 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

Trip to St Mary's Lighthouse: This will take place on 19th May and we will be returning to school in time for normal pick up. Please remember to bring a packed lunch unless you have requested one to be provided by school.

PE - PE will continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday this term. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days and that they are wearing suitable shoes. Please also ensure that they are not wearing earrings or that earrings are covered up 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, including appropriate haircuts, can be found on the school's website (www.stcuthbertsk.newcastle.sch.uk).

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.

Sun Cream – Please ensure that you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and that they have a labelled bottle of sun cream to keep at school.

Healthy Packed Lunches – As a Healthy School, part of our responsibility is to ensure that families provide healthy packed lunches for their children. Please do not send fizzy drinks into school but provide a bottle of water, diluted cordial or natural fruit juice instead. Please do not put crisps, sweets, chocolate (including chocolate biscuits) or cake into your child's lunchbox if possible. Due to allergies, nuts and nut products such as peanut butter must not be brought into school. If you are stuck for ideas on what to include, please refer to the school website where you will find lots of ideas. Thank you for your support in this.

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. We are now reintroducing the yellow reading records which will also contain our half termly phonics overview and some suggestions as to how you can support your child with their reading. Please comment in your child's reading record to enable us to monitor their progress. We will now be sending the Evidence Me observations at the end of each half term.



In addition to this, we will also be monitoring the use of Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress. These are fantastic and engaging resources which the children love to access in school. Please also access these programmes at home to support your child with their word reading and comprehension skills.

- ✎ Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. The children will be given the weekly spellings in their yellow reading record book which they must bring to school **every day**. The spellings for each group will also be available to view by following this link:

https://www.stcuthbertsk.newcastle.sch.uk/web/spellings_summer_1_2022/602924

- ✎ There are also lots of links to phonics and maths activities on our website to support your child with learning at home.

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

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Mrs Highton and Miss Hagan

