
P.E.

We have 2 sessions of P.E. each week. P.E. days for us are **WEDNESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**. Please remember to **send your child to school in their P.E. kit**, remembering that all P.E. lessons will take place **outside**, so trainers and a tracksuit will be more suitable once the temperatures drops.

Family

This term our Collective Worship theme is "Family". We have already started our term by thinking about why families are special and what can be similar and different about them.

Perhaps you could talk to your child about their own family and why they are special?

The
LOVE of
a Family
is LIFE'S
GREATEST BLESSING.

Reading

We love to read in Year 1 and look forward to our daily story time. The children are now able to join in with reading more and more as their own reading develops too!

Please remember to **read with your child** and sign their reading diary **every day**. When reading together, encourage them to use their sounds to read the words.

We will be continuing with our whole school reading reward system so when your child reads five times each week they will earn a raffle ticket which is entered into our Friday reading raffle to win a prize!

All books are changed on FRIDAYS but please **bring your book bag to school every day**.

Topic

This term our topic is "Wriggle and Crawl". We will be going on a mini-beast hunt, drawing maps of our local area, finding out about how bees make honey and designing and building our own camouflaged minibeasts!

At home, perhaps you could go on a mini-beast hunt of your own and see what you can find! Don't forget to share your photos on our Twitter page: [@StGospels!](#)

Gospels Class Autumn Term 2020



Welcome to Year One!

We are very excited to be back at school and can't wait to see the progress the children make over the year. They have already returned to school looking smart, being kind and shining their lights ... we are very impressed!

Mrs Smith is the class teacher this year and currently, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Jargilo are also in the classroom helping the children to settle back into school life.

You can follow our adventures on twitter [@StGospels](#). Or check out our class page on the website <https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/gospels-class-year-1-2/>.

General Expectations



As the children in our class are all 5 or 6 years old we expect that they are becoming more independent in their own learning and personal care.

In Year 1 we expect that children:

- Bring a water bottle to school every day.
- Remember to bring their own book bag into school each day.
- Look after their jumper and lunch bag in school making sure they put it in their tray/on their peg/on the lunch trolley.
- Work hard, try their best and be kind to others.

Although we are currently not changing for P.E. at this point in time, we would still expect that children can change independently for when we return to normal.

You can help by getting your child to do things at home as well. Can they get themselves dressed for school? Tidy their bedroom? Help with some jobs around the house?

English

This term we will be focussing on our **Phonics** and **Handwriting**.

Handwriting is a key skill in Key Stage One and it is expected that children learn to form all of their letters correctly, starting in the correct place and producing letters that are the correct height. We therefore spend this first term working through the different sets of letters ensuring children are confident in this.

Phonics is taught every day and the children will move through the different phases in the letters and sounds programme.

Please continue to practise using sounds at home when reading and writing.

Other reminders

Our classroom is open from 8.30am each morning. The children have a challenge to complete when they arrive which helps get us wide awake ready for the day. Please make sure your child is in the classroom no later than 8.45am.

Those that are late or not in school miss out on learning which means they will fall behind. Most children are in on time and in school everyday —Well done, keep it up!

Maths

We have our daily Maths sessions every morning as well as a dedicated Mental Maths session before lunch.

This term we start with our place value units, followed by our addition and subtraction work. For the first term we work with numbers up to 10 when calculating, so that we can introduce new concepts within a number range that the children are confident with.

Our key areas of learning this term will be:

- Counting to 20 both forward and backwards.
- Reading and writing numbers to 20.
- Counting objects accurately.
- Identifying one more and one less.
- Adding and subtracting using objects.

To help your child with their Maths at home, you could play board games, count the stairs, look for numbers when out for a walk or get them to help pay for the shopping with some coins!