



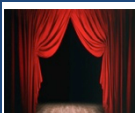
**St Anne's CE Primary School, Grantham**  
**Year 1 Class & Curriculum Overview**  
**Autumn Term 2023**

**Class Teacher: Miss Righton & Mr Hill**  
**Teaching Assistants: Miss Marshall, Mrs Barwell, Mrs Kirk & Mrs Mawby**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**School & Home Links**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child into Year 1. Miss Righton will be the class teacher, with Mr Hill taking over when she goes on maternity leave. Before this time, Mr Hill will be in the class every Wednesday and team teaching with Miss Righton to allow the children to feel settled and know who he is before he takes over full-time. Miss Marshall, Mrs Barwell, Mrs Kirk and Mrs Mawby are the Teaching Assistants who will spend either every morning or some afternoons in Year 1. Everything you need to know about homework, reading, spellings and day-to-day activities is covered on our Class Page on the school website. It is extremely helpful if your child brings their book bag to school each day with their reading book, word book and homework book inside. You can use the Home and School Communication Diary to make comments about your child's reading and learning at home, or to write us a message. If you have any further questions then please catch Miss Righton after school at the class gate, by making an appointment via the School Office, or send a message over ClassDojo.



**Special Events**

There will be lots of exciting things happening in Year 1 and the rest of the school during the Autumn Term but some of the important dates include:

Term 1 begins – **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September,**  
RWI Phonics Workshop for parents – **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2:30pm – 3:00pm,**  
'Jeans for Genes' non-uniform day – **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September,**  
Parent's Celebration Assembly – **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2:30pm,**  
Harvest Festival – **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – St Anne's Church at 1.30pm. All welcome,**  
Buckminster Estate Environmental visit - **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October,**  
Influenza vaccinations – **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October,**  
Individual & Sibling (within school only) photographs – **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October,**  
Parents' Evening – **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm – 6:30pm,**  
Children in Need non-uniform day - **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Looking forward to Christmas we have the following dates in place:**

Christmas Fayre - **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1.30pm,**  
Christmas Performance - **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December,**  
Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and film day - **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December,**  
KSI Pantomime at the Guildhall - **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December,**  
Christingle Service at St Anne's Church - **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**  
Please check the website and school newsletters for further important dates.



**English**

This term, English will be taught through our exciting topics, in three-week units. We will begin by matching and writing labels, then making lists and captions for using the story of 'The Little Red Hen.'

There will be several opportunities for us to role play the story and make the most of outdoor learning spaces. Later in the term, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London and Bonfire night where we will expand our writing by creating instructions and develop our sentence structure using capital letters and full stops, as well as finding out some fantastic facts! We will also have five weekly Read Write Inc. Phonics sessions to help develop our reading and spelling skills. Your support is invaluable so please continue to read with your child at least four times a week, help them to practise their sounds and high frequency words and encourage them in their writing.



### Maths

We will take part in daily Maths sessions, which will develop our mental and written Maths skills. By using practical equipment, games and problem solving, we will be sorting objects into groups, counting given objects and being able to count objects from a larger group. After that, we will learn the + - and = symbols and use these to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will also explore 2D and 3D shapes learning their names and creating pictures and models with them. A great way to support and give confidence to your child in Maths is to have fun with counting, adding and subtracting at home and when out and about.



### COMPUTING

In Computing we will be introducing algorithms and looking at these in our everyday lives. We will explore algorithms by role-play simple instructions, create mazes to navigate our friends around, sequence our school day and use photos, images and arrow cards to visually create and follow simple algorithms.



### RE

In RE, we will be looking at Rites of Passage. We will be looking at how people belong to various groups, focussing on families, school and religion. As part of this, we will look at our journey through life so far and discuss how people mark important events. Throughout the unit, we will look at how Christians and Muslims welcome a new baby and then compare the similarities and differences of each religion at the end of the unit.



### PSHE

In PSHE, we will start by looking at 'Being Me in My World.' This will mainly focus on how we belong in our class. We will look at how we can make our class a safe place for us to be in and to learn and how to deal with feelings when facing consequences. We will also look at how and why we feel proud of our achievements during this topic.



### Topic 1 The Big Build (with a Science, Geography & Design Technology focus)

This unit of work will focus on exploring different materials. We will focus on identifying them and say what they are used for, as well as exploring them in the world around us. In Geography, we will discuss where we live in the world, looking at local landmarks and contrast the UK with a non-European country by examining geographical features. Alongside this, we will create a windmill with a moving part in our DT sessions.



### Topic 2 Topic 1 The Big Build (with a Science, History & Art focus)

This exciting topic will explore The Great Fire of London and look at whether the fire made London a better or worse place. We will also look at Bonfire Night, the events surrounding it and how it is celebrated today. In Science, we will explore the properties of materials and group them according to this. Finally, we will be developing our art skills by looking at elements of shape, line and colour. We will also learn to mix and paint with secondary colours to make abstract circles.



### PE

In Year 1, we have PE twice a week, on a Tuesday and a Friday. We are looking forward to our PE foci, which are Gymnastics and Fundamentals. On Tuesdays, we will be investigating movement, stillness and how to find and use space safely. We will also explore basic gymnastic movements on the floor and using apparatus. On Fridays, we will develop our balancing skills as well as learning how to run at different speeds and begin to skip using a skipping rope. These lessons often take place outside so your child may wish to wear a navy tracksuit as the weather turns cooler. We would really appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes ensuring that all your child's clothing is named, including their PE kit. Thank you.



### Music

In Music, we will be looking at exploring our voices expressively. We will develop our singing skills and add actions to our songs. We will then put all of this together to create an expressive story.

Looking forward to a great term!

Miss Righton ☺ Mr Hill ☺ Miss Marshall ☺ Mrs Warburton ☺ Mrs Kirk ☺ & Mrs Mawby ☺