



## St Anne's CE Primary School, Grantham

### Year 1 Class & Curriculum Overview

### Spring Term 2023

Class Teacher: 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 wish you a 'Happy New Year' and share some information with you about the Spring Term. 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 and spelling book inside. Homework will be theme related and sent out when our theme's change. 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 Mr Hill after school at the class gate, by making an appointment via the School Office, or on ClassDojo. We love to celebrate children's awards and their achievements both in and out of school. Please encourage your child to share their recent achievements and to bring their badges and certificates from Rainbows, swimming, dance, football etc. into school. On Mondays, we will continue to have a Show and Tell session to develop children's speaking and listening skills. We are really interested in what your child has been doing, for example visits in the holidays and interesting objects that they have found. We do not encourage children to bring toys in each week to show as we try to make educational links where possible.



#### Special Events

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

Parents Celebration Assembly (Fri 19 Jan)  
Parents Open Morning 9-10.30am (Tue 30 Jan)  
Break the Rules Day (Fri 2 Feb)  
**Last Day of Term (Fri 9 Feb)**

Further details of these events will be published in the school newsletter.

#### **First Day of Term (Mon 19 Feb)**

Book Fair (Wed 6 Mar- Tue 12 Mar)  
World Book Day (Thu 7 Mar)  
Assessment Week (w/c Mon 11 Mar)  
Science Week (w/c Mon 11 Mar)  
Comic Relief (Fri 15 Mar)  
Parents Celebration Assembly (Fri 15 Mar)  
Parents' Evening (Tue 19 & Wed 20 Mar 3.30-6.30)  
Easter Service at St Anne's Church (Tue 26 Mar 1.30pm)

#### **Last Day of Term (Thu 28 Mar)**

#### **Summer Term Begins (Tue 16 Apr)**



#### English

This term, English will continue to be taught through our exciting themes, in six-week units. Throughout this term, we will look at stories with predictable phrasing and begin to learn to join sentences together using 'and.' Later on, we will recite some nursery rhymes and then write our own short rhymes and acrostic poems. We will continue to focus on remembering to put finger spaces between our words and starting our sentences with capital letters and ending them with full stops. There will be five weekly Read Write Inc. Phonics sessions to develop reading and spelling skills. Your support is invaluable, please continue to read with your child at least **3** times a week, help them to practise their sounds and high frequency words and encourage them in their writing.



### Maths

Maths sessions will be taught daily, which will develop our mental and written Maths skills. With emphasis on the use of ICT, games, problem solving and through regular practise, we will enjoy: exploring the composition of numbers up to 20 and looking at different representations of these. Then, later in the term, we will adding and subtracting within 20 using a number line to count on and back. We will further develop our rapid recall of number bonds to 10 and 20. We will also look at fact families and related facts, reinforcing our knowledge of the part-whole and bar models.



### Computing

In Computing, we will develop keyboard and mouse skills through designing, building and testing rockets. We will create a digital list of materials, using Sketchpad to record words and images. We will also learn how to programme a Bee-Bot and debug when errors occur. As part of E- Safety week, we will discuss the internet and begin to understand some key, age-appropriate, online safety rules and will find some straight-forward information from a safe, selected, online resource.



### RE

In RE, we will be looking at the question 'What do people think about God?' We will be exploring Islam, looking at what Muslims believe about Allah and what they believe he feels for them. Looking at age-appropriate stories, we will reflect on people and objects that are important to us, that we couldn't live without. After half term, we will look at the question 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' We will look at how Christians feel about Easter and some of the symbols associated with it.



### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be exploring Goals and Dreams. We will be looking at how we tackle obstacles, thinking about how we like to learn. We will discuss how we celebrate our successes and achievements, along with setting new goals for ourselves. In the second half term, we will look at 'Healthy Me' and think about how we can keep our minds and bodies healthy.



### Theme 1 Animal Allsorts (with a Science, Art and Geography focus)

In this theme, we will be exploring many different types of animals. This will enable us to identify, name and classify living creatures by looking at their features. We will also learn about their eating habits and be able to say if they are a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. As part of learning about their eating habits, we will dissect owl pellets. In art, we will look at the formal element of colour and learn how to make secondary colours from the three primary colours.



### Theme 2 Let's Celebrate Me! (with a History, Design & Technology and Science focus)

This theme will start by looking at seasonal change, where we will look at the weather associated with each season. We will also explore celebrations that happen in our own families, communities and beyond, as well as looking at changes that have happened within our living memory and how life may have been for our grandparents. Later in the term, we will be looking at mechanisms in D & T and we will experiment with sliders before creating our own moving card.



### 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 begin with Dance and Ball Skills, where we will learn a dance to the count of 8 and begin to dribble balls with our hands and feet. Later, we will be developing our throwing and catching skills in Net & Wall Games and learning some poses in Yoga. These lessons could take place outside so your child may wish come to school in a warm tracksuit during the winter/spring months. 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 (plimsolls, shorts and a t-shirt).



### Music

In Music, we will be combining voices, movement and instruments to perform chants and songs inspired by machines. Year 1 will also be involved in weekly singing sessions and choral worship.

Looking forward to a great term!

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