



KS1 Curriculum Letter

Autumn 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to St Mary's! We were delighted to welcome the Year 2 children back to Beach Class this week and hope the Year 1 children have enjoyed their transition into KS1. We are excited for the children to start their learning journey with us this year. In this letter you will find information to help you support their learning and prepare them for what will be covered in the next term. We have a varied and exciting curriculum planned for this year. We will be continuing our Music Lessons with Mr Chalk on a Monday afternoon, Premier Sports will be providing PE lessons during our PPA sessions and Forest School will be continuing throughout the year.

Kind Regards,
Miss Pearse

Adults

The children in Beach Class will be supported by our Teaching Assistants Mrs Kanik and Mrs Thompson. Mrs Anderson and Mrs Turner will be working as LSA to support children with SEND. If you have any enquiries regarding SEND and your child, please make an appointment with myself or our SENCo, Mrs. Lockwood.

Topic Lessons

This term children will be studying two topics. For the first half-term topic, London's Burning the children will be learning the history of The Great Fire of London and how fire safety has changed over time. They will be producing art and DT projects inspired by this topic. Next half term we will concentrate on geography skills in our Arctic Explorers topic, including find the Arctic on a map, explore its features and find out about the life of the Inuit people. Each half-term the children are given an optional Creativity Homework activity for to complete with their families to share what they have learnt.

Important Dates

Beach Class Assembly

8.35am Tuesday 15th October.

Topic Sharing Afternoon

2.20pm Wednesday 18th December

Homework

Each week the children will be given a Math's Shed and Spelling Shed assignment of 5 quizzes based on what they have been learning at school. Login information for the Ed Shed website can be found on the front of their yellow Reading Journal.

Reading

All children in Y1 will be given a reading book that will allow them to practice the phonics learnt in class that week. They are expected to share their reading 4 times a week and this can include listening to the story, paired reading and independent reading. Year 2 children are expected to read 3 times a week aiming for 10 minutes each session to help build their stamina for reading. Please record this in their Reading Journal which will be checked on Fridays. Reading with or to your child is beneficial to their learning, social, and emotional development.

Physical Education

In KS1 we do two hours of PE per week. Outdoor PE is on Tuesdays and Indoor PE is on Thursday. Children should have their PE kit in school until the half-term break, when they will be returned to be cleaned. The kit should include a St Mary's

Religious Education

This year we will be continuing our scheme, To Know You More Clearly. Children will begin with the topic Creation and Covenant, where they will be learning the story of Noah's Ark. The children will hear and explore



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branded PE top, Royal Blue shorts, and trainers. You may wish to include a navy-blue tracksuit (no leggings please) for colder days and additional socks or underwear.

Old Testament stories and the Psalms that Jesus would have heard in his childhood.

The children will follow the Ten:Ten curriculum for Relationship, Social, and Health Education. This program is approved by the Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, and incorporates scripture, prayer, and music with important topics such as friendship, growth and development, anatomy, and healthy life choices.