



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

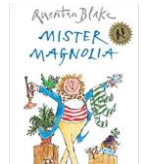
Termly Curriculum Information for Parents - Year 1

What your child will be learning about this Summer Term and how you can help at home

English

Reading:

In Year 1, the children will develop their phonics decoding skills and knowledge, continuing to build on the work done in Reception and Nursery. Using the Little Wandle scheme, the children will have daily, systematic phonics lessons, learning phonic strategies, such as sounding out and blending to read unfamiliar words. In Year 1, there will also be an increased focus on your child's level of comprehension (understanding what they are reading). The children will be asked questions orally during and after texts they read. As a whole class, the children will be reading the following texts: *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak; *Mister Magnolia* by Quentin Blake and *The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems* by June Crebbin.



Writing:

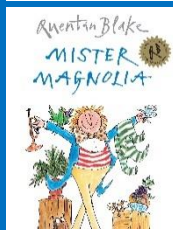
Year 1 will be continuing to write for a purpose, e.g. stories, character descriptions, information leaflets, recounts and descriptive poems. The children will plan what they want to write on a 6-box planning template, and say what they want to write by 'pulling the sentence out of their mouths'. We will continue to focus on handwriting and punctuation, encouraging the children to check their own work to improve it. The children will also learn about the structure and features of non-fiction writing: they will write descriptions about the local area based on their learning in geography.

Grammar:

The children will learn to understand the use of **plural noun suffixes** –s or –es (e.g. *dog, dogs; wish, wishes*). Also, they will learn **suffixes** that can be added to **verbs** (e.g. *helping, helped, helper*) and how the **prefix un–** changes the meaning of **verbs** and **adjectives** (e.g. *unkind, or undoing, e.g. untie the boat*). Year 1 will also learn how **words** can combine to make **sentences**, and they will be joining **words** and **clauses** using *and*.

How you can help:

Visit your local library and look at different types of books, such as **story books** and **information books**. Continue to share and enjoy a range of stories with your child, asking them key questions about characters and settings. Practise writing simple sentences, encouraging your child to use correct formation of letters and punctuation, e.g. finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Take time out to enjoy reading to your child.



Maths:

This term, Year 1 will be learning the following:

Number: Multiplication and Division

Solving one-step problems involving multiplication and division; through grouping and sharing small quantities; doubling numbers and quantities; and finding simple fractions of objects, numbers and quantities.

Number: Fractions

Recognising, finding and naming a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity and a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.



Geometry: Position and Direction

Describing position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns.

Number: Place value (within 100)

Counting, reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals forwards and backwards; counting in multiples of twos, fives and tens; identifying one more and one less of a given number; and reading and writing numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words.

Measurement: Time

Telling the time to the hour and half past the hour and drawing the hands on a clock face to show these times.

How you can help: Practise number bonds up to 20 with your child (e.g. $16 + 4 = 20$ and $17 + 3 = 20$). Count out 20 dried beans / buttons / pasta shells and find different ways to make twenty. Practise counting from different starting points and ask your children to find one more or less.

Visit <http://mathszone.co.uk/tag/ks1/> for a selection of games to help practise your child's number skills.



Science

Seasonal Change

Working scientifically, the children will be learning to observe and describe seasonal change (Spring and Summer).



Plants

This term, Year 1 will be observing plants as they grow. Growing beans, the children will be learning to identify what plants need to grow and to describe the parts of a plant (seeds, roots, shoots, stems, leaves etc.) Working scientifically, the children will be learning to describe their own observations (watching, measuring and recording the growth of their bean seeds). Year 1 will also be learning the names of wild and garden plants.



Animals including humans

This term, Year 1 will be learning to identify and name parts of their body, including the outside parts e.g. leg, knee, ankle, and the inside parts, e.g. heart. Working scientifically, the children will be learning to observe, record and interpret data about their senses (smell, taste, sound, sight and touch): describing, comparing and grouping different edible materials by using the sense of taste; and identifying, comparing and grouping the sounds collected during a sound walk.

Music

This term, Year 1 will be singing songs from around the world and making music using untuned percussion instruments, e.g. djembes, drums, shakers and tambourines. The children will be listening to a range of live music from visiting musicians and listening to recorded music from Europe (**traditional Spanish music**).

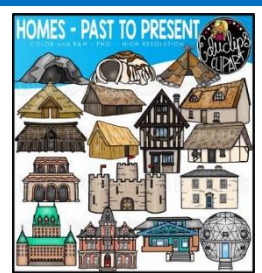
Computing

This term, Year 1 will learn about **online safety** - at school and at home - and reviewing the rules that keep us safe online.



The children will also be learning about **digital literacy**: they will be learning to create digital music using different digital tools and learning to publish their compositions online. The children will also be learning to plan and create an animation and to publish an animation online, Year 1 will also be learning to evaluate people's work online.

Year 1 will also be learning to send and receive emails and to create pictograms to display and interpret data.



History

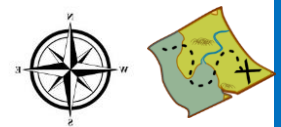
Local History: Homes where we live

This term, the children will be learning to know the time and place of our local area: they will be learning how to identify older and newer homes; and to understand how living rooms, bathrooms and kitchens have changed over time. They will also be learning to explain ways that homes have changed over time.

Geography

The Local Area

This term, the children will be learning to understand that homes give us warmth and shelter. They will be learning about what it is like to live in a village. They will also be learning to explore our local streets: they will be learning how to use maps; how to use compass directions; and how to create a simple map.



Religious Education

May is the month of Mary: we will pray the Hail Mary prayer every day remembering Mary our mother in heaven.



To the ends of the Earth: The children will hear and learn about the story of the Road to Emmaus, the Ascension and the story of Pentecost. They will begin to make connections between the Good News of Jesus and the apostles' mission. They will begin to understand the Holy Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Dialogue and Encounter: The children will develop their understanding of what being a Christian means. They will learn how Christians celebrate their faith in other parts of the world. The children will reflect on the cross as a symbol of belief in Jesus, his life, death and resurrection. The children will also learn more about Judaism, learning that The Torah contains stories that lead Jewish people to live a good life.



Art and design

Collage and Textiles (Materials and their Properties)



This term, Year 1 will be learning to explore materials. The children will be learning to sort and describe materials and to understand where wool comes from. They will be learning to explore fabric and to make a collage.

Digital Media (Drawing Digital Pictures)

Year 1 will be learning to mark-make using computers, and to explore shape, colour and pattern using computers. The children will be learning to explore surface texture and to use music to inspire their art. Year 1 will also be learning to respond to the work of the artist Kandinsky.



Design Technology

The children will be exploring, designing, creating and evaluating **wacky windmills** in their unit of work about **structures**.



Food Technology The children will be learning all about healthy salads! We will be making and trying potato salad.

PSHCE

This term, Year 1 will be learning the following: a language to describe our feelings, likes and dislikes; and simple strategies for managing feelings and for good behaviour. The children will also learn that choices have consequences. They will learn how to maintain personal hygiene and to identify 'special people' (their parents, carers, friends, parish priest, etc.) and what makes them special. Year 1 will learn about the importance of being close to and trusting special people, and telling them if something is troubling them. The children will learn that there are natural life stages from birth to death, including what these are.

How you can help: Talk to your child about how to keep safe in different situations.

Spanish

The children will be studying the following topics in this term's Spanish lessons, led by our specialist Spanish teacher: Food, Weather, Family and Feelings. The children will also be learning and singing songs in Spanish.



PE

Year 1 children will take part in PE every Thursday afternoon. This term we will be focusing on throwing, retrieving and striking a ball. Continuing onto athletics such as, running, jumping and throwing.

How can I help at home?

Make it clear that you value homework – set aside a specific time and area for your child to work on their homework. Your child will receive homework **once a week**. Help them to be organised with their time so that their homework is handed in on time.

Encourage your child to **read a variety of texts**, not just books from school.

Listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text to help increase their **understanding**. Discuss what happened in the story; would you make the same choices as the characters? Why? Why not? Encourage your child to support their opinion with evidence from the text.

Encourage them to do every **day mathematics**, such as telling the time, using bus / train timetables or working out the total / change in a shop.

Spend time reviewing their **times tables** with them each day.

Help your child to be organised:

- ☐ Have you got your **book bag**? Needs to be in school **every day**.
- ☐ Are **ALL** your reading books inside it?
- ☐ Have you completed your **homework**? Homework should be handed in on a **Thursday**.

