September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year One Wisdom and Rosary Class! Your child’s teachers in Wisdom will be Ms Keevil, Mrs Gilsenan, and Mrs Whytock. In Rosary they are Ms Beckles, Mrs Gilsenan and Mrs Aylott.

The first term will be a mix of Reception and Year One style teaching and learning. We will spend the first few weeks recapping our sounds and practising our handwriting. We will be getting used to our new routines and activities which include morning break time in the playground, lunch in the hall, indoor and outdoor P.E. with the sports staff of Non-Stop Action.

**Literacy**

We will be sharing stories from familiar settings in Literacy and will be reading Supertato, Traction Man, What the Ladybird Heard and The mixed-up Chameleon. The children will begin by reading the story Supertato, dressing up and acting like Superheroes and writing about the costumes and superpowers they would like. They will create their own household superhero characters after reading Traction Man. They will use Eric Carle’s Mixed Up Chameleon story to support their learning about animals in Science, and to imagine how they might feel if they had some of the characteristics of different animals.

**Numeracy**

In Numeracy we will be using the White Rose Scheme of work starting with investigating Place Value by sorting and counting objects and representing the numbers from one to ten in different ways. Children will practice reasoning – that is being able to explain how or why they know something. The children will start to count forwards and backwards from any number up to ten in order to know one more, one less or to add and subtract. In the second half of the term the children will extend this knowledge to all numbers within twenty. They will complete the term by exploring and investigating shapes.

**Science**

In Science we will be learning to name and label the different parts of the human body and find out what the five senses are. We will learn how we use our senses and focus on our sense of hearing and smell for some investigations. In the second half of the term the children will find out about the similarities and differences between different species of animal. The children will learn about the different body parts and start to categorise animals by their bodies, habits and diets.

**R.E.**

Our topic for R.E. will be Creation and Covenant Branch 1. The children will listen to Creation stories from Genesis, and start to understand how Christians show kindness to themselves, to others and to our planet.

**Catholic Social Teaching**

Care of Creation; We learn that God created the world as a special gift and that humans are called to look after it as ‘God’s gardeners’ or stewards.

**ICT**

We will begin our time reminding and teaching the children how to stay safe on the internet. The children will then learn how to log on to the computers in the ICT suite, develop their mouse and keyboard skills and learn how to save and retrieve documents.

**P.E.**

We are very lucky to have skilled teachers from Non-Stop Action to teach tag games, coordination and ball skills. The children will have one outdoor lesson on a Tuesday, followed by an indoor lesson on Friday.

**Geography**

Our geography topic will be Weather and we will learn about different types of weather and how it affects people. The children will learn symbols for different types of weather and ways to measure and record it.

**History**

In History we will learn all about The Gunpowder Plot; how and why it came about and why we still celebrate the 5th November with bonfires and fireworks.

**Art**

Our Art topic is also Weather and we will be mixing colours for warm weather and cold, wet weather. We will find out about how colour can affect or represent our mood, and mix different colours to paint clouds, skies, warm and cold scenes.

**Music**

The children will be listening to music and learning songs from the Sing Up scheme. They will learn active listening using movement, beat and echo singing, start to understand beat, march, timbre (quality of the music sound) and film music. They will become familiar with pitch (high or low sounds), structure (how music is organised), graphic symbols, and listen to classical music.

We recommend that you listen to your child read for ten minutes every day. We will be providing a home reading record which you can sign when your child reads with you and in which you can make comments. This will be signed by the teacher who reads with your child. Weekly Monster Phonics spellings will be given out on sheets for your child to practice at home and will be included in a Monster Phonics Spellings Book. Spelling tests will be given weekly.

Our P.E. days will be Tuesdays for outdoor sessions and Fridays for the indoor lesson. Please ensure your child arrives in school dressed in St Mary’s uniform P.E. kit on that day. Do make sure that your child is wearing the correct items and that they arrive in their school shoes with their P.E. shoes brought in a bag or left on their pegs for them to change into. Please purchase St Mary’s jogging bottoms before the weather cools down so your child stays warm on chilly mornings.

There will be time at the end of the day to talk to the teacher briefly but please contact the office to make an appointment with the teacher to discuss your child at length.

We value your support and look forward to working with you over the next year.

Kind Regards

The Year One Team