

## Years 1 & 2 Fishermen Class Autumn Term 2024/25



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to welcome all of the children and parents back and hope that you have had a good break over the summer holiday. I am excited to get to know the class and parents over the next term and to be part of the St Marys family.

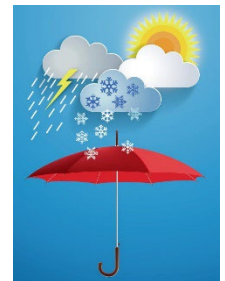


**English** - The first unit we will be looking at is all about traditional tales & fables, using the texts 'The Story Blanket', 'Wolfy' and other stories. We will also learn about the past tense and conjunctions and how to use these to write your own exciting tale. We will then explore the wonderful nonsense poetry of Edward Lear. Create noun phrases to write about characters and settings from the poems. Plan, draft and write a story sequel to the Owl and the Pussycat. Our final unit for the term will be enjoying reading letters and postcards in three different texts: Dear Dinosaur, Dear Postman and Dear Father Christmas. Looking at sentence types and learn how to add adjectives, adverbs and prepositions to enhance descriptive writing. Write letters and postcards for a range of purposes.

**Maths** - In maths, Year 1 & 2 will be covering the White Rose Maths units on place value (within 20), addition and subtraction (within 20), place value (within 100) & shape.

**Geography** - Our geography focus for the autumn term is 'Wonderful Weather'. The children will be learning about:

- The four seasons
- Hot and cold areas of the world
- The impact of different weather types
- Observe and record the weather
- Present their own weather forecasts



**History** - The history topic for this term is 'War & Remembrance'. During the topic, the children will be learning about this significant event in British and global history:



- The First World War
- Find out about Walter Tull, a significant individual in British history who was the first black British Army officer.
- Studying photographic primary sources
- Why and how Remembrance Day is marked
- Experiences of soldiers in the trenches and the animals who helped them
- The importance of women's roles on the Home Front.

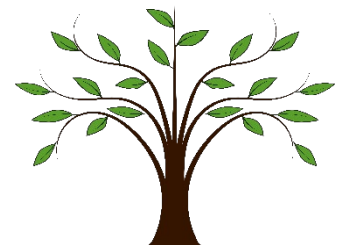
**Science** - We will be covering 4 of the White Rise Science units this term: Animals needs for survival, Humans, Materials, Plastic.

**Computing** -The children will be following the 'Purple Mash' Computing scheme. We will be looking at ways to stay safe online in our first unit, then coding and spreadsheets.

**RE** - Our first topic in the new 'To Know You More Clearly' Scheme is:

- Branch 1: Creation and Covenant: The season of Creation
- Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise: The season of Advent

**Music** - In this unit of work the children will listen and appraise a variety of Hip Hop and reggae songs. All the learning in the first unit will focus around the song 'Hey You!'. Children will sing songs and use the tune 'Hey You!' to improvise and compose their own versions. They will also learn the songs 'Rhythm in the way we walk' and 'The Banana Rap' and learn about pitch finally the children will prepare for the Christmas Nativity Performance.



### Homework

The homework tasks that the children are expected to complete are as follows:

- Read their school reading book (daily)
- Practise spellings (weekly)
- Times table practise (weekly)
- One Maths/English task (weekly)



Homework will be set on a Friday and needs to be handed in on Thursday morning. The completed homework will be marked on this day, with a reward of a house point for handing it in. The children will receive their folder back on Friday morning. On a Thursday morning, the children will be tested on their Multiples Marathon and the Spelling test will be on a Friday.

### P.E.



PE lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has the following kit suitable for both indoor and outdoor sessions:

- A red t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- A pair of tracksuit/jogging bottoms
- A hoodie or sweatshirt

This term the children will focus on ball games and multi-skills. They will also continue to have a weekly dance session on Friday afternoons. We will aim to be outside as much as possible for our P.E. session, so it is important that the children have the items listed above to keep them warm as the weather gets colder. **Please note: in the interests of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them.**

### **Forest School-**

I am delighted to be continuing the children's Forest School provision on Tuesday afternoons. Fishermen Class will be joined by Farmers Class for these sessions and they will be a mixture of child led learning, outdoor learning and linking to class topics where appropriate. These sessions will take place in all weathers, so children **must** have:



- Waterproof over trousers
- Waterproof coat
- Wellies

As the weather gets colder, it is advisable to have additional layers e.g. a coat underneath the waterproof jacket, gloves, hats, welly socks etc. An additional Forest School leaflet will be send to parents with more information.

### **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**

The phonics screening check is an informal test that children will need to complete at the end of Year 1 and again in Year 2 if a child needs to retest. During the test, which is designed to test their ability to decode words using their phonics knowledge, children will be required to read a mixture of 40 real and nonsense words. The phonics screening check is an important part of children's early phonics education and shows how well their reading and phonics skills are developing. The check usually takes place at the beginning of June. More information will follow later on how you can support your child.

### **Pencil cases in school**

The school provides all the equipment that the children require for them to complete their school work. **The use of pencil cases in Fishermen's Class is therefore discouraged**, as they and their contents can cause distractions, which disrupts learning. Also, items from them become 'lost' which can cause disagreements or distress for the children.

If you have any queries or questions, then please feel free to arrange a meeting by contacting the school office.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Clipson**

**Class Teacher: Fishermen Class**

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