

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents,

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### **Year 1 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter**

I hope you find the following information of use in knowing what your children will be covering this term and helping to support them.

The main difference your child will encounter this year is that there will be a more formal day and greater independence expected.

In **literacy** and **numeracy** similar areas of learning are covered each year but naturally with greater depth and at a more difficult level.

In **literacy** we will be looking at stories with familiar settings, and poetry.

In **numeracy** we will be focusing on counting, place value, addition and subtraction, measure and shape.

In Science they will be developing the key skills of annotating drawings and discussing observations while finding out about Humans and Sound.

ICT is used to support many subject areas. We will particularly be concentrating on developing instructional and modelling skills.

In P.E. we will be having two lessons a week. One will be Gymnastics/Dance developing ways of balancing. The second will be Games focusing on ball skills. P.E. is held on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Correct P.E. kit **must** be worn (no ear-rings on these days).

In History we will be finding out about Toys and in particular using the skill of finding out about the past from a range of sources of information.

In Geography we will be finding out about school locality and in particular using the skill of identifying and describing where places are and making maps.

In Art we will be concentrating on developing our skills using observational drawing.

In DT we will be designing and making moving pictures.

R.E. is a very important part of our curriculum. We develop further our knowledge and understanding.

This is achieved through our study of:

The Mission Statement  
Creation  
St. John's Gospel  
Prayer and Feasts  
Advent/Christmas

I hope you will be able to attend our Class Liturgy in the Cathedral on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 a.m.

Homework is a very important part of helping your child to achieve their potential. Homework is not optional. We hope you will support your child in ensuring that it is complete and returned to school on time.

### **Homework Timetable**

- Reading - Every day
- 1 other – Friday (return Monday)
- Weekly Spellings (home on Monday, test on Friday)

I look forward to working with you and your children during the year and getting to know you all better. It would be appreciated if all of your child's clothes could be labelled clearly with their name.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C. Coyle  
Year 1 Class Teacher