



# St John's Meads Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term. We are back into our routines and learning already this term. Our topic this term is 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' with a focus on transport and journeys. Please see the attached curriculum sheet outlining our learning over the term.

Below are a few reminders and information about this term in Year 1.

## Homework

In Term 2 your child will bring home phonics homework on a Friday linked to the sounds and phases they are working on currently. Please could they return it to school by the following Thursday. The homework may vary from activities to spellings, depending on what we are learning that week. It is incredibly beneficial to spend time completing and practising the sounds with your child.

## Reading

Your child will read with an adult 2 to 3 times a week at school. One of these sessions will always be a Guided Reading session alongside individual reading with a volunteer, teaching assistant or class teacher.



Books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. We are encouraging the children to read as much as possible at home, this could be their reading book, a library book or one of your own. To show that your child has read, please write in their reading record books.

## PE

This term Year 1 will continue to have PE on a Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school for these lessons. It is very important that you ensure your child's PE kit is labelled clearly with their name.



## Coats and water bottles

It is important that your child brings a warm, named coat into school every day as the weather is beginning to get colder.

Please also ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day to ensure they are well hydrated.

## Uniform

Please could parents check all of your child's belongings are named (uniform/school bag etc). Many children in the class have similar items they wear to school therefore it can be easy for uniform to get mixed up. By having a name in everything this will reduce the risk of items being misplaced or lost.

We have lots of exciting plans for this term and the run up to Christmas.

Please do come and speak me after school with any matters you wish to talk about, however small. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Pope and the Year 1 Team ☺



### Creative Development

**Art** -We will be using our art skills to create Christmas cards and decorations.

**DT** - We will be designing and making vehicles using junk modelling.

**Music**- Year 1 will be exploring duration using voices and un-tuned percussion instruments with Miss Pope and Mr Mackerness to accompany recorded pieces music and songs.

### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

**Geography** - Our topic fits excellently into developing our geography skills this term. We will be looking at maps of the UK, naming the different countries. We will also be focusing on the changing weather, looking at how the seasons have changed and how this effects our weather.

**ICT**- We will become secure in logging on to the computers independently, opening programmes and saving work.

**RE** - Year 1 will be exploring Judaism with Mr Tris and Miss Pope this term. They will understand what is important for Jewish children, their beliefs and celebrating

### Personal and Social Development

This term our topic is 'Getting On and Falling Out'. We will be thinking about our feelings and feelings of others. We will be learning more about how to help each other to get along at school, and to be happy at school.

### Communication, Language and Literacy

Year 1 will be focusing on different modes of transport this term. We will be looking in detail at how certain transport work and writing information pages. We will also be writing recounts of our trip out on the bus, plus some story telling.

"Are we nearly there yet?"



### Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

We will have a focus on directional language linking with our journeys topic. Year 1 will soon be introduced to their Maths Passports supporting and focusing on their mental maths skills, most importantly number bonds.

### Physical Development

The children will be continuing their SKiL sessions on a Friday morning with Mr Angella developing their gymnastics!

This will be reinforced and built upon during a PE session on a Wednesday afternoon with Miss Pope.