



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

# Autumn 1 2022 Curriculum Newsletter

## Key Dates and Celebrations this half term:

**RISE UP**

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Jeans 4 Genes Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Navaratri – Hindu celebration
	Rosh Hashanah – Jewish celebration
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Black History Month begins
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Feat of St Assisi – Christian celebration
	Dussehra – Hindu celebration
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Yom Kippur – Jewish celebration
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Sukkot – Jewish celebration
24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term – school closed
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali – Hindu celebration
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET – school closed to pupils



Palm Tree Class

### Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by introducing myself, I am Miss Akther and I am thrilled to teach your child in Year 1 this year! I hope you had a wonderful summer break and I am looking forward to working with your child and eventually meeting you all. I am excited to watch them all grow and thrive as we have a fun year full of lots of learning!

Year 1 is an exciting time for your child as they will be exploring new topics and will be provided with continuous support across the curriculum with an immense focus on developing their love for reading. I plan to provide a stimulating learning environment which will promote your child's learning and as they continue with their school journey, I hope to build strong relationships with them.

Please support your child by reading with them daily as this will help their development across the curriculum. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards, Miss Akther





# This half term in Year 1...

## English – Writing

Our writing cycle follows the sequence of a recount and then retelling a story. Learning a story through a story map will help the children to understand chronological order and sentence structure. The cycle allows for children to become authors as they develop their spelling and punctuation. There will be a focus on letter formation as well as phonics within each writing session.

## Computing

This term your child will understand the meaning of an 'algorithm'. They will learn to use directional language to plan a route that will later be used to direct a Beebot from one location to another.

## English – Reading

We will be immersing year 1 into texts that celebrate culture, specifically their local area. Our first story this term is Maisie Goes to London, which explores travel and the many landmarks of our city.

## Maths

This term we will be focusing on place value, children will learn fundamental counting skills and begin to understand the relationships between numbers up to 10. Throughout the term, we will be developing key language and the ability to reason and justify.

## RE

This term focuses on Christianity, specifically the creation story. Children will begin to understand why it is important to care for our world and immediate surroundings. RE lessons will be rich in discussions and opportunities in which your child can ask and answer questions.

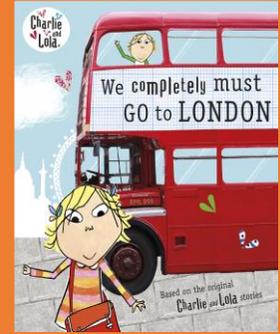
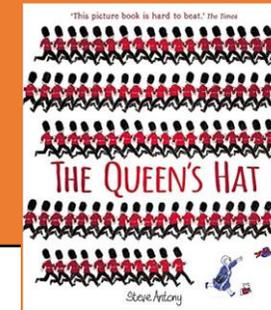
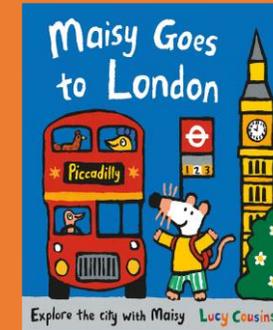
## History / Geography

Our topic this term is 'On the Bus'. Your child will be developing navigational skills such as map reading and using a compass. As well as this, we will be using observation skills to help annotate and discuss images of London in the past and present. We will enrich your child's learning by taking bus trips to see local landmarks.

## Science

Science this term is closely linked to our learning in geography. We will explore London and observe the weather through the comfort of a bus. Exploring language, investigation, and observation skills across the term. We will use simple equipment to measure and record data.

## We are reading...



Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on **Tuesdays**.