



The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Spring 1 2026

Dear parents and carers,
Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas break. We have exciting topics planned for all subjects. We are returning to poetry week, where the children will be reading, exploring and writing poems about winter.

First in RE, the children will learn about the Christmas story and the Epiphany. Then, we will look at how God reveals himself to us through Scripture in the parables Jesus told and the miracles Jesus performed for our Revelations topic.

In reading, the children will continue to improve their reading fluency and apply their retrieval skills to answer simple questions about a text. They will also be learning how to deduce word meaning using the text as a whole, as well as inferring character feelings.

In writing this half term, we will start to teach all children joined handwriting. During poetry week, they will be writing their own winter poems. After this, we will be looking at writing from different perspectives through letters and recounts, using a range of conjunctions, descriptive vocabulary and punctuation.

In maths, the children will be applying their understanding of part-whole models to write addition and subtraction fact families. This half term, they will also be learning about multiplication and division. Children will be focussing on their 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, with related division facts.

Starting this half term, Mrs Williams will be running a 'time challenge'. If children are able to tell the time confidently to 5-minute intervals, they will be able to earn their own analogue watch, which they can wear to school. Please practise telling the time at home.

In PE, the children will be developing their throwing and catching skills whilst learning about team games.

In science, the children will be starting the Materials topic, which will consolidate and build on the learning from the Year 1 Materials topic last year.

In PDL, the children will be finding out about physical health and healthy eating.

In DT, the children will be designing and making pencil cases. They will have an opportunity to develop their sewing skills prior to constructing, decorating and evaluating their product.

In history, the children will be finding out about the Great Fire of London, including where the fire started, key events and a timeline of when they took place.

In music, the children will be learning about music notation and how the position of the note on the staff affects the pitch.

Key dates:

Tuesday 6th January – Epiphany Liturgy

Thursday 29th January – FS and KS1 Drama Workshop in school

Friday 30th January 5:00-5:45pm – Year 1 and 2 school disco

Friday 6th February – St Bakhita Feast Day (2EW to wear something blue with their school uniform)

Friday 13th February – Palm Burning Liturgy and Ashes Services

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February – Half term

Monday 23rd February – Start of Spring 2

Please remember to read daily with your child and complete the reading challenge. Daily reading will ensure your child has the best start in life.