

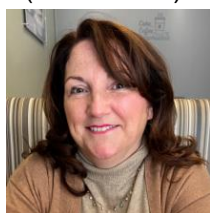
Welcome to Year 1!

Meet the Team

Miss Clarke
Classroom Teacher



Mrs McCulloch
Teaching Assistant
(Mon – Tue)



Mrs Dickinson
Classroom Teacher
(Tue - Fri)



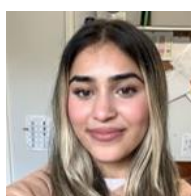
Miss Degaspari
Teaching Assistant
(Mornings only)



Mrs Shapjal
Classroom Teacher (Mon)
& Deputy Head



Miss Junaid
Teaching Assistant
(Tue – Fri afternoons)



Mr Connolly
P.E. Teacher
(Thursdays)



Mrs Tyler
Teaching Assistant
(Wed - Fri)



Mr Fox
Music Teacher
(Thursdays)



What is happening this term?

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer and we are so excited for the year ahead!

Tuesday 16th September: Meet the Teacher Presentation for Year 1 - 3.30pm

Wednesday 15th October: Parents' Evening (more information to follow)

Tuesday 9th December 10am & Thursday 11th December 2pm - Year 1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Advent Term in Year 1



Topic

Science: **What is your favourite animal?**
Animals including humans & Autumn

Geography: **Where do I live?** Our Local Area

History: **What makes somebody a hero?**
Our Local Heroes

Art: **Pop Art** – Yayoi Kusama, Roy Lichtenstein

DT: **Christmas Pouches**

R.E.

Loving Jesus in all we do

Our topics are:

Creation and Covenant – **What is the wonderful gift of Creation?**

Prophecy and promise - **How does the Christmas story teach us about God's love?**

P.E.

P.E. will be every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Our units are:

**Fundamentals
Dance
Target Games
Ball Skills**

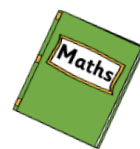
Children will come to school wearing their P.E. kit and stay in it all day.

Please ensure all kit is **named**.

Maths

Place value: Sort, count and represent objects, ordering and comparing numbers, one more/one less, ordinal numbers, using a number line.

Addition and subtraction (within 10): Number bonds, fact families, comparing number sentences, part whole model.



Geometry: Shape: Recognise, name, sort and describe 2D and 3D shapes; create patterns with 2D and 3D shapes.

Your child will receive Maths homework each Thursday in their homework book from the 2nd of October.

English

Place value of punctuation and grammar: focusing on the basics of writing: capital letters, full stops, common and proper nouns, verbs, subjects, single-clause sentences and handwriting.

Class texts: Our Class is a Family, Eliot Midnight Superhero, Supertato: Veggies in the Valley of Doom, Big Book of Animals, The Grinch.

Alongside these texts, children will have access to a wide range of books during story time and many other books which are embedded into our curriculum.



Reading

Each **Monday**, your child will receive **one Phonics reading book** (starting from next week) and each **Thursday**, they will be able to change their **reading for pleasure book**. You will keep those books for one week. Please ensure their Phonics book is in school every day. We ask that you write in your child's organiser every time they read with you.

Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally 10 minutes each day.

It is important your child reads a broad range of texts so please continue to read different story books at home and support your local library.

Phonics



Children will continue to develop their phonetic knowledge following the Sounds-Write scheme.

Key vocab: **segmenting** - p/l/ay

blending - play

2 letter spelling – 2 letters that represent one sound /oo/ moon

3 letter spelling – 3 letters that represent one sound /igh/ night

Each week your child will receive a 'Phonics Golden Ticket' which contains a list of words containing the sound they have been learning. We ask that your child reads and writes the list, alongside an adult. Your child will be learning different ways to read and spell the same sound, e.g. **sleep, beach, he, body**.

Behaviour

We are very proud of the behaviour at The Good Shepherd. We continue to follow 'The Good Shepherd Way'. We have spent a lot of time teaching the children the behavioural expectations in different situations e.g. playground behaviour, classroom behaviour, manners. Please check Class Dojo regularly to see how many 'Mission Merits' your child has received.

We know that there are times when children will need a reminder to make the right choices regarding their behaviour and to reflect on any wrong choices that they make. Our behaviour system helps them to do this. Please see our Behaviour Policy on The Good Shepherd Academy website for more information.



How can you help your child at home?

Reading – Please listen to your child read for 10 minutes each day and make a note in their organiser.

Phonics (every Thursday) – Look out for the Phonics Golden Ticket to practise reading and writing words with new sounds and also common keywords (starting from the 2nd of October). There will **not** be a written spelling test in school.

Maths (every Thursday) – A weekly activity or game linked to the learning from that week (starting from the 2nd of October).

Handwriting - Please login to www.letterjoin.co.uk to practise how to form letters correctly.



Additional Information:

Organisers:

Organisers will be checked on a Monday and on the day your child reads. If you have left a message, ask your child to let the teacher know first thing in the morning. Some messages will be passed through their organisers, so please check them daily. Organisers and reading books need to be in school every day in a **named** folder.

Snack time:

We have fruit and milk each morning. If you would like your child to have milk please contact Cool Milk. Please ask at the office.

Water bottles:

Children need to have water bottles in class; please ensure your child's **name** is on their bottle. We have a healthy school policy and this means that children are only able to have water in their bottles.

Medical:

We keep all allergy medicine, asthma inhalers etc in a medicine cupboard in your child's classroom. If your child has an allergy medicine and it is not already in school please bring it in ASAP. It is your responsibility to ensure the medicine is in date. All routine dental and medical appointments are to be made outside of school time, where possible.

Our school has a **NO NUT POLICY**.

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child at home. We are looking forward to working with you over this coming year and are excited for the fantastic year ahead!

The Year 1 Team