Welcome to Year 1!

Mrs Meares in 1Gold and Mrs Cox in 1Blue are looking forward to a great year with all the talented children of Year One! We are excited about the fun and interesting learning opportunities that will be happening over the year. Mrs Nolan will be supporting Year 1. We are happy to answer any of your questions before or after school. If you need to have a longer discussion please make an appointment to see us by sending a note, asking us to arrange a time or contacting the office.

SAVE THE DATE!

Library
Library Borrowing is every Friday. Don’t forget to bring your library books back!

Sport
Children come dressed in full sport uniform every Wednesday and Friday.

Homework
Homework folders are to be returned every Friday. Home reader folders need to be returned daily.
Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is Lent: Growing and Changing. The students learn how Jesus encouraged people to grow and change through his words and actions.

Our second topic for the term is Easter Triduum: The Last Supper. Students will relate the Last Supper to their own families’ celebration of meals and the Parish Communities celebration of the Eucharist.

Easter Season: Together. Students will share their family experiences of Easter and look at the events of the first Easter Sunday morning.

Throughout the term we will have many opportunities to learn formal prayers and conduct our own prayer services focusing on scripture.

English

This term our reading focus is to use our reading strategies to help sound out new words and to make meaning with the text. We will be working on writing sentences with the correct punctuation (capital letters and full stops) and using a range of strategies to spell new words. The children will bring home their guided reading book every night to practise reading. We encourage you to take the time to listen to your child read each night.

Mathematics

During Mathematics this term we will be focusing on efficient counting strategies counting by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s, from a variety of different numbers. We will also focus on mental addition and subtraction strategies such as number partners to 10 and 20, combining numbers that make 10, counting on and counting back.
Science and Technology
Science will be taught in terms 2 and 4.

Geography
Students will have a Geography Focus in Term 3

Creative Arts
During our Creative Arts lessons the children will be learning about Primary colours and Secondary colours and the Elements of Art.
The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Moore on Wednesday.

History
This term in History we will be focusing on “Past and Present Family Life”. Students will identify roles and responsibilities within families, schools how they have changed over time.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on ways to keep healthy and safe and explore choices related to food.
The children will participate in PE lessons with Mr Jones. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing gross motor skills.
Our sport day will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Could you please ensure your child has his/her hat especially on these days.

The school have purchased sturdy scrapbooks that have a coloured cover which do not require covering.

Guided reading books will be brought home everyday for the children to practise their reading. We request that parents help in ensuring that these books are kept safe and returned to school each day for the children’s lessons.

Each Year 1 class has a ‘Mascot’. Every child will have the opportunity to take the mascot home overnight. Students are invited to journal their evening or weekend activities by writing, drawing or taking photos of their fun times. Students will share this with their class peers the following day.

Each Year 1 class will send home a Prayer Journal. Every student will have the opportunity to write and illustrate a prayer in the Journal. Their prayer will then be used in class the following day as the class prayer.