



Year 1 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope your summer was full of rest and fun. The children have begun the term with the upmost maturity and we are so proud of how they have settled into Year 1.

This term's learning...

Music – What is beat, rhythm and pitch?

Computing – What is technology?

PE – Ball skills and gymnastics

History – Rosa Parks

Geography – The oceans and continents of the world

DT – Engineering – exploring a flight craft

Art – Tone of colour/mixing colours

RE

For our RE topic this term we are learning about God, how he loves and how Christians believe that God forgives his children. Our focus will be the parable of the Lost Son.

We will spend the term discussing our big question:

'What do Christians believe God is like?'

This term's Christian value is:

Home Learning:

Home Learning will be uploaded onto Google Classroom. We want you to have fun with these tasks and have therefore composed more activities than you need. Pick the ones that appeal to your child the most with an aim of one task a week. You can either send your child in with their home learning to show the teacher and classmates or, if you prefer, upload it onto google classroom.

Reading

We will aim to read with your child at least three times a week, including both group and 1:1 reading sessions.

We will be checking that your child's book has been changed once a week (Friday) but the children have the option to change their reading books as soon as they have read them at home. We recommend that your child reads their book a minimum of three times, this encourages the use of fluency and expression, it also means they gain greater understanding of the text.

Reminders

- Year 1 PE day is Monday – please ensure your child is wearing their house colour t-shirt and black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts.
- Please drop your child off at the Year 1 wooden gate and **not** to the classroom door. Please also stand behind the fence when picking your child up. Not only does this promote independence, but also from a safety aspect as we can see the children leaving clearly.
- 'Busy Things' and 'Phonics Play' are fantastic interactive learning websites which will help support your child's learning at home.

Log in details:

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/>

Username: home93133

Password: stone

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Username: stonestmary

Password: Stone2024

Contact us by email:

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Dates to put in your diary:

24/9 – Phonics/Early Reading Workshop (9am-10am in the main hall or 6pm-7pm online) for YrR,1,2 parents.

10/10 - #Hello Yellow Day (mental health awareness) wear yellow to school, donation buckets will be on the playground.

11/10 – Individual photos

18/10 – Wear RED Day – show Racism the Red Card – bucket donations or through Arbor

21/10 – Harvest Festival – KS1 2pm – parents welcome

23/10 – Staff development day (no pupils to attend) - Mid Term Holiday begins