



Trinity School

Spring Term 2018 Curriculum Letter - Year 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the Spring Term. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday even if the weather was a bit unsettled. We are starting this term with a focus on metacognition (learning about how we learn best and reflecting on our learning) and all classes will be learning a new skill. Please join us at 2.30 pm on Friday to find out more. Below is a brief outline of the work planned for Year 1 this term.

Our **English lessons** this term have been planned with lots of cross-curricular links. We will be starting with a book study on 'The Iron Man' linking with our science topic - materials. Then, we will focus on fairy tales and the children will be asked to bring in one of their favourites from home to share. We will also use the story 'The Wizard of Oz' to look at friendships and finally we will finish with some poetry and a Big Writing Mission about Antarctica, which ties in nicely with our Geography work about the world.

We will continue with our daily guided reading sessions as the children progressed well last term. We would still like you to hear your child read each day as one to one reading is very beneficial, particularly with developing confidence. We will continue to use the 'Bug Club' scheme, setting new books online on a Friday. The children will continue to have weekly 'reading' words or 'spelling' words and will be assessed on these on a Friday.

In **Maths** we will start with numbers to 20 - hence the Christmas homework. The children will be expected to read and write the numbers accurately, compare them, know one more and less. We will then revisit different methods of addition and subtraction with numbers to 20 and then look at shapes and patterns and measuring height and length. Each day we will have a mental maths session and we will start to introduce the weekly 'Learn its' facts. More information to follow on this.

In **Science** this term we will be learning about 'Materials' and will also carry out some exciting investigations linked to our Antarctica topic. We hope to use the Nature walk on a few occasions to continue our work on Seasons, that runs throughout the year.

In **Computing** we will be developing our coding skills using the Scratch Junior app on the iPads and the 'Hour of code' activities online. During the second half of the term, we will revisit our word processing activities using Word and the 'Pages' app on the iPad. We will also continue to use a variety of digital tools in our daily class activities.

Our **PE** sessions this term will be on a **Monday** and **Friday**. On a Monday the children will be taught games either on the playground or in the hall and on Friday, gymnastics. Please ensure that your child wears the correct kit on these days. They will need shorts under their tracksuit on a Friday but shorts are not necessary on a Monday.

This term our **Topic** focus will be **toys and homes**. We will be looking at toys and homes from the past and will be comparing homes around the world and I am currently arranging for visits to the Jersey Museum, Hamptonne and the Steam Museum.

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In **Art** the children will be making junk model robots and will complete a Monet artist study. In **Design and Technology** we will be designing and making felt puppets (any spare buttons or sequins that you could donate to this project would be very welcome) and will complete a vehicles project with a focus on wheels and axles. This will also be our **shared learning session** for this term on **Tuesday 20th March**.

For **RE** we will continue to welcome the 'Open the Door' team every fortnight for stories and songs from the Bible. In class, we will be learning about friendship and Easter. Our Jigsaw unit this term is called 'Dreams and goals'. The children will learn about setting goals, finding ways to achieve them, difficulties they may have and what it feels like to be successful.

Homework

We will continue with our homework routine from last term. The children should be reading every night for 10 minutes (parents to record in the homework book) and practising sight words or spellings. At the weekend, they will bring home a maths or topic worksheet to hand in by the following Thursday.

Equipment

Please ensure that your son or daughter has their book bag, a water bottle and a **fruit or vegetable** snack with them every day.

Book looks

I would also like to invite you into school to look through your child's work on **Friday 9th February** (this will also include our safer internet presentation) and **Wednesday 28th March**. These will both now be at 3.00 pm so more parents can attend.

Hopefully you will find this information helpful but if you have any further queries or would like to discuss any aspects in more detail, please feel free to pop in for a chat or email me at k.cutting@trinity.sch.je

Kind regards,
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