ST. JOHN'S C. OF E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL
BELIEVE AND SUCCEED

Working within the context of Christian beliefs and practice:

At St John's our children and their families always come first.

We value our children's feelings, creativeness and success in their learning equally, helping each child's love of learning grow, whilst also developing their interior posture.

At St John's our Core Christian Values are

Compassion Interior Posture

Wisdom Courage and Endurance

Life in all its fullness at its heart

John 10:10

Year 1 Autumn 2

Adults who work in our Year Group

Mrs Eastwood-Smith  *Elm Teacher*	*Miss Hamill*  *Willow Teacher* *KS1 Phase Leader*	*Mrs Clark*  *HLTA*	*Mr Firth*  *PE Teacher*	*Mrs Mitchell*  *Music Teacher*	*Miss Coleman*  *Learning Mentor*
	Mrs Adiova  *Learning Support Assistant*	*Mr Purdy*  *Learning Support Assistant*	*Mrs Simpson*  *Learning Support Assistant*	*Miss Webb*  *Learning Support Assistant*	

English

This half term we will continue to work on our letter formation, pencil grip and perfect handwriting positions! We will have a 'Dough Disco' as part of our English lessons, helping us to develop out fine motor skills. We will read a new book which focuses on festivals celebrated by communities of different religions including Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism. The children will be able to share their experiences of how families celebrate and learn about festivals they are unfamiliar with. Children will be focusing on using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces with more confidence, as well as, using the joining word 'and' and simple adjectives within their writing. We will also continue to use our phonics knowledge to help us spell when writing in English lessons.

Maths

This half term, we will continue to develop our understanding of place value by completing 'Number of the Day'. We will record numbers as numerals, words and pictures. We will identify one more and 1 less, using a number line to support us. We will partition numbers to 20, deepening our understanding of tens and ones. We will begin to look at addition and subtraction with numbers to 10 and then 20. Children will continue to work on counting forwards and backwards, as well as, adding and subtracting using practical resources. We will move onto using number lines to add or subtract. We will learn to jump forwards to add and jump back to subtract. We will continue to work with practical resources but also start to record our work in our books.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be learning about everyday materials. We will learn the difference between objects and materials. We will learn about the various properties different materials have and how objects can be made up of more than one material.

Religious Education

In R.E this half term, our big question is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will be focusing on a simple account of Jesus' birth, and why Jesus is important to Christians. Children will give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas as well as expressing what they personally have to be thankful for at Christmas time.

PSHE

This half term our Jigsaw sessions will focus on celebrating differences. We will talk about, and identify, things that make us different from our friends and what we have in common. This will lead us to talking about why this makes us all special. We will aim to explain why being unique and special is important to us all. We will use our Jigsaw Journals to write about and draw what makes us feel special and safe in class.

Computing

In computing, we are focusing on the topic of presentation. We will be using the iPads to take photographs and put them in order using the app PicCollage.

Curriculum

At the start of this half term, we will complete our geography learning about our school and local area. We will continue to look at the weather and seasons, as well as, going on a short walk around Bierley to identify physical and human features we have learnt about. Year 1 will then complete our first DT unit. We will be exploring mechanisms, creating our very own pictures with moving parts! We will make simple sliders and levers. We will make a Christmas card with a moving part that you will get to see when we take them home.

Music

Children will be looking at the next step of the Jolly Music scheme, using the songs and games learnt in Reception to start piecing together the ideas of Pitch, Pulse and Rhythm. We will explore the idea of musical notation and start to make links between what music sounds like and looks like when written down. We will touch on emotions and movement in music to start also linking things to the everyday.

PE

KS1 will be focusing on developing their Agility-Balance and coordination. The children will develop these skills in a range of activities such as mini circuits and small sided games. The children will continue to develop their fundamental movements skills and object control.

Additional Information

This half term, the children in Year 1 will be preforming in our school Nativity.
The children will learn songs and dances. Some children will have small speaking parts – if they wish to!
We will be performing the Nativity to parents/carers on the following dates:
Tuesday 1st December at 1:45 pm
Wednesday 3rd December at 9:30 am

Further information will be shared with parents/carers on the school app.

Children should come to school on their PE day in their PE kit, including the green school hoodie.

Elm Class – Mrs Eastwood – Monday
Willow Class – Miss Hamill – Tuesday

Please read with your child every day, it is extremely valuable as this will help them build confidence and fluency. Reading books will be changed once per week; please remember to send in reading books and reading records in children's bookbags every day.

Your child will have come home with a sheet of QR codes. These codes link to their specific Phonics group. Once scanned, the QR codes will take you to videos which will support your child with their reading. The videos will be familiar to the children as we teach phonics in the same style at school. Please use the QR codes regularly to support your child in developing their understanding of phonics and reading.

Each week, our classes will visit the school library to enjoy the books and choose one to take home. **On your child's library day, they will be released from the school library.** The external door to the library it next to the KS1 entrance.

Willow Library Day – Monday

Elm Library Day – Tuesday

If you would like to contact the teachers you can speak to us before or after school everyday. You can always email us too and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible, within school hours.

Our class emails are:

year1.willow@stj.bdat-academies.org

year1.elm@stj.bdat-academies.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Hamill and Mrs Eastwood-Smith

Online Safety

We value the importance of eSafety at St John's CE Primary. Click the image to take you to our dedicated page on the school website. You can also find updated support through the app on the 'Content' page.



Here is a link to reading, writing and maths homework sheets on the school website. The sheets detail which sounds, words and questions children need to read for their phonics/reading level. The writing sheet shows the tricky words they need to learn and an example sentence. The maths sheet includes the strategies we use for calculations.