

Welcome to Year 1

Zaachaeus Class

Miss Wala (Class Teacher) and Mrs Stewart (TA)

Myself and Mrs Stewart are very excited to welcome you to Year 1! Your child will now begin their journey through Key Stage 1 and I am so excited I get to continue their learning journey with them and Mrs Stewart can't wait to get to know them. This year in Year 1 we will all **STRIVE** to be the best we can be.

Spiritual	Trusted	Resilient	Inquisitive	Valued	Exceptional
*To have good manners and be courteous. *To be considerate of others. *To show God's love in our actions.	*To use and look after equipment responsibly. *To begin to work independently. *To make my own decisions to help me learn. (without relying on the teacher)	*To keep trying when things are hard. *To have pride in my work, making it the best it can be. *To share my ideas confidently.	*To ask questions about my learning. *To think about what I've learnt before and how this can help. *To understand that to try new things is to take a risk.	*To listen to what others have to say. *To respect what adults ask me to do. *To appreciate that everybody has strengths in different areas.	*To make sure I am ready to learn. *To apply my knowledge in all subject areas. *To be a good role model around school at all times.

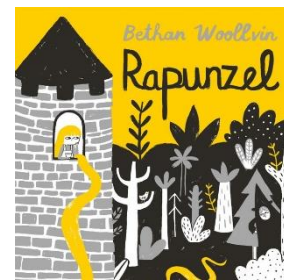
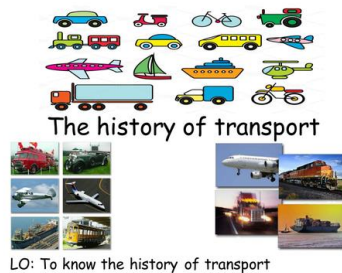
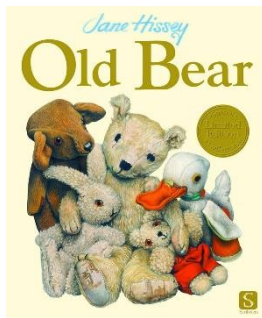
This year our class will be known as **Zacchaeus Class**, a name which is inspired by our **STRIVE** curriculum, and this year we will be focusing on the key value of being exceptional.

Zacchaeus is a name that reflects one of the most precious values of our Catholic faith. He chose to be exceptional by changing his ways to follow Jesus. He reminds us that Jesus knows us, loves us and wants us to follow Him. By striving to be exceptional just like him we will grow in confidence as valued individuals, be excellent listeners and be ready to learn in a space where we can flourish.



Our theme for Block 1 is **How far can we travel?** We will explore this question through the themes of **Creativity** and **Resilience**.

We will be reading *Old Bear*, along with other stories including the traditional tale, *Rapunzel*. Your child will write labels and captions for pictures and use different drama strategies to aid their writing. We will learn about Transport in History and create a time line. In Science we will learn about different materials and their uses. In Maths we will focus on place value within 10 and then look at how we can add and subtract within 10.



Phonics

We use a scheme called **Essential Letters and Sounds** to teach phonics. There is a daily phonics lesson where the teacher teaches a new sound, or reviews sounds learned earlier in the week.

During the summer term your child will take the **Phonic Screening Check**. The Phonics Check occurs annually in June for all Year 1 children. Children read 40 real and pseudo (made up) words to test their phonics decoding ability. The pass mark is usually around 32. Your child's score will be reported to you on their end of year report.

To help your child with phonics you can look at the following videos.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=17&v=UCI2mu7URBc&feature=emb_logo

https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2016/05/05/20/22/32/561/20097_content/index.html?id=ae%20

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqvqMtSNswo&feature=emb_imp_woyt

Religious Education

In **RE** we will be learning about **Creation and Covenant** until half term and then will move onto **Prophecy and Promise** until Christmas.



In Year 1, the children have **3** different homework activities each week:

1) Maths –Workbook

- * Children will use a work book to complete the work.
- * A page in the booklet will be set a **Friday** and will be due the following **Thursday**.

2) Reading – online

- * Children will use Reading Eggs.
- * A comprehension lesson will be set on a **Friday** and will be due the following **Friday**.



3) Spelling – spelling homework books

- * Children will receive a set of spellings to practise each week.
- * Children need to pick **1 activity** from the spelling activities list inside the front cover of their spelling homework book and complete it.
- * Spellings are given out on a **Friday** and children will be tested on these words the following **Friday**.



Please read for a **minimum of 10 minutes** every night.

Children will have 2 books:

- **Decodable reader** – These books are to practise specific phonic sounds and may stay with your child for several weeks.
- **Shared reader** – These books are for you to share with your child to encourage a love of reading and include fiction, non-fiction and poetry. These reading books will be collected in and changed **twice a week**.



Please ensure your child's reading packet (with their decodable reader, shared reader and reading record) is in school **every day** and that your child's reading record is filled in every time they read and signed once they have finished their book in order that it can be changed.

The children will move up colour bands for their Shared Reader as their reading progresses. They will move up to the next colour band when they **can fluently and audibly read the words** as well **as understand the content of what they have read**.

They need to be able to confidently answer a range of questions such as: recalling the events of the story, predicting what might happen next and why, deducing the meaning of words from the context clues on the page, inferring why a character did or said something and we focus on other areas too.

This is how book bands progress from Reception to Year 1:

BOOK BANDS	Reception	Y1
PINK	EMERGING	
RED	DEVELOPING	
YELLOW	SECURE	
BLUE	MASTERED	EMERGING
GREEN		DEVELOPING
ORANGE		SECURE
TURQUOISE		SECURE+
PURPLE		MASTERED

The children's books will be changed on **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

PE



We will be doing PE every **Monday** and **Tuesday**. The children will need to make sure they come into school in their PE kits on these days. Please ensure children come in outdoor PE kits as we will try to be outside as much as possible. Your child's PE kit should consist of plain navy joggers/leggings, a light blue polo top and their school jumper or cardigan with trainers.

Class Dojo

The school uses Class Dojo as a way to promote **STRIVE** as well as being an opportunity for you to contact me about any query you may have. Your child will receive positive points on this site for displaying the key skills within **STRIVE**. Please make sure you have signed up so that we can share all our learning with you.



Diary Dates

Thursday 10th September – Meet the Teacher 3:40pm

Thursday 24th September – School photographer in school – individual and sibling photos

Friday 9th October – Year 1 Class Assembly at 2:45pm

Friday 9th October – PTA Family Night 7pm – St Peter's Parish Centre.

Thursday 22nd October –Virtual Parents Evening.

Friday 13th November- Fun Friday.

Thank you in advance for your support throughout the year to aid your child's progress. I look forward to working with you in order to help your child flourish in Year 1.

Miss Wala☺

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