



Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

We are a 'light in the darkness', living life to the full, worshipping and working so that everyone may flourish and achieve their God-given potential



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Teacher	Mr Barber	Class	1/2
TAs	Miss Vile, Miss Nesbitt		
Term	1		

Welcome back to another brilliant year at St John's Meads. As you know, this year your children will be part of a very exciting combined Year 1 and 2 class, opening the door to new friendships, opportunities and learning.

Miss Vile will be supporting us in class every day and we are lucky enough to also be joined by Miss Nesbitt for three mornings each week. Miss Vile will also be teaching the class on Friday afternoons whilst I take my 'Planning, Preparation and Assessment Time', with the help of Miss Christoforou.

We have lots of exciting learning taking place this term and the children have already made a wonderful start. As part of our Geography learning, we will be exploring our local area and learning more about where we live. This will involve an exploration walk around the surrounding area later in the term. We will share an exact date and further details closer to the time.

Main Areas of Learning to be covered

- English: Our English learning for this term is centred around Jack and The Beanstalk, as part of our engagement with classic tales. This will involve writing our own beanstalk inspired stories as well as creating an information text all about Giants. Year 1s will continue to develop their understanding of key writing skills including full stops and capital letters, focusing on orally rehearsing a sentence before writing it. Year 2s will be writing extended sentences, including powerful adjectives and verbs in order to create an interesting description for their reader.
- Phonics: Year 2 will begin the year by recapping the Phase 5 sounds they learnt in Year 1. Similarly, Year 1 will begin by recapping their Reception learning to ensure that we create a solid foundation for future learning. We will be continuing with our Little Wandle reading groups and the children will still be receiving their weekly reading books for you to read at home with them, starting imminently.
- Maths: We will be focusing on Place Value this term, building a strong understanding and fluency with numbers to 20. Year 1s will learn to identify, write, make and order numbers within 20, whilst Year 2 will have the opportunity to cement their key place value knowledge whilst using these numbers within more complex and challenging contexts.
- Science: Our Science topic this term is Animals Including Humans. A key focus will be how to keep our bodies healthy, as well as how animals change through their lifecycles. We will also be exploring the seasons and particularly the change from Summer to Autumn as we recognise the changes in the world around us.
- RE: In RE our key question will be "Who do Christians say made the world?". Year 1s will explore the





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creation story, with Year 2s investigating what this means for Christians and why this is so important. As a class, we will consider the importance of our world and what we can do to 'be the light in the darkness' and protect our beautiful planet.

Our PE lessons this term will be on **Monday and Wednesday afternoons**. We will be exploring different levels in Gymnastics as well as developing our throwing and catching skills in our outdoor sessions. In Art we will be focusing on portraits, particularly the works of Pablo Picasso, whilst in PSHE we will be exploring "Being me in my world". It promises to be a great term.

Homework

Reading is hugely important in all stages of development, but particularly in KS1. We ask that all children are reading at least 5 times a week and that this is then recorded in their reading journals. This helps us to expose the children to a variety of rich texts as well as regularly modelling reading to them.

We will also be reintroducing Numbots, a Maths program that improves the children's fluency and understanding. I will share further details, alongside the children's login details very soon.

Christian Value

Each term we will focus on a different school value. This term, our whole school value is **Love**. Throughout the term, we will explore this value in our classrooms and during whole school collective worship, encouraging children to show love through their words, actions, and attitudes towards their learning, their lives, and others around them. We will talk about how love can be expressed in simple, everyday ways, such as kindness, patience, and respect. To celebrate and encourage this, each Friday we will present **Value Awards** to children who have been shining examples of love in action. We hope this focus will inspire our pupils to create a caring and supportive school community where everyone feels valued. Please see our term 1 values flyer for more information.

