



St Richard's CE Primary School
Autumn term 2025 – First half



Year 1 Myrtle Class - September 2025

A big, warm welcome to Year 1! We hope that you all had a lovely summer and are ready for a fantastic and fun year ahead. Mrs Thiele and the year 1 team are so excited to be with you all this year. We are so proud of how well all the children have settled into year 1 already. Please read the below information and note down the different activities that are happening on different days. Any questions, please speak to one of the team.

Dates for your diary:

SEPTEMBER

W/C: Monday 15th - Clubs start this week

Monday 8th - P.E starts

Tuesday 16th - Swimming starts:

Monday 22nd – Drama workshop

Thursday 18th – Meet the teacher stay and play (9:00-10:00)

Thursday 18th - First home learning sent home.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st - KS1 Phonics workshop for parents

Friday 10th – Black History Wow Day

Monday 20th – Harvest church service 9am

Reading:

Reading books will be sent home on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please read at home with your child every day and write a little note in their reading log on how they did. The more frequently they read the more fluent they will become.

Homework:

Home learning will be sent home every **Friday** and to be returned the following **Wednesday**. At the beginning of every half term there will be a list of suggested activities you can do at home with your child to support the topics learnt in school. In addition to this there will be weekly English and Maths home learning to complete.

Please support your child in completing the weekly home learning as this will help consolidate the learning we have covered in school.

What we are learning about this half term:

English: We are reading the books Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson, Sidney, Stella and the Moon by Emma Yarlett and Naughty Bus by Jan Oke

Phonics: Recapping Phase 3 and 4

Maths: Place value within 10, subitising, addition and subtraction within in 10.

RE: Parables Jesus told including The Lost Sheep, The Good Samaritan and The Sower and the Seeds.

TOPIC:

Science: How we change over time, the 5 senses.

Geography: Learning about our local area, learning to read and follow maps, making messy maps.

Computing: Becoming familiar with how to use a computer – logging on, mouse pad and keyboard skills.

Art: Exploring lines and mark making, self portraits.

Music: Pulse and Rhythm – All about me

PE: Ball handling and control

Class Trips and Visitors in School:

This half term we will be going on a walk around the local area and visiting the Ham Library. Date to be confirmed closer to the time.

We also have a drama workshop on the 22nd September in school.

Morning snack:

A piece of fruit is provided each day for your child to have in the morning. Please can you pack an extra piece of fruit in their bag to have in the afternoon. Children will only be allowed to eat a fruit snack in school, if you pack additional snacks that are not fruit your child will be asked to save this for after school.

School milk is available free of charge to all children under five years of age and to all children receiving Free School Meals. If you would like to register a child once they reach five years of age to continue to receive a daily portion of semi-skimmed cow's milk, you can register online at www.coolmilk.com. It costs approximately £18 per term. If you prefer to complete a form, please ask at the office.

What to bring to school:

Children should bring a water bottle (water only no juice or squash), a book bag, and wear the correct school uniform. Please ensure all your children's clothing and belongings are labelled. Please note **children can come to school in their P.E kit on Mondays.**

Parent/adult helpers

We would welcome any parents or adults who are able to give some time to come and listen to children read, either at the beginning, middle or end of the day. Please speak to Mrs Thiele if you would be interested. Please note that you must have a current DBS.

Also please speak to Mrs Thiele if you can come and help the children to get changed for their swimming lesson. Our swimming session is on Tuesdays from 2:15pm-3:15pm.

Summary: (Swimming / PE day etc.)

Monday – P.E – Come to school in P.E kit

-Reading books changed

Tuesday – Swimming (2:15-3:15)

Wednesday –Return Home Learning Book

Thursday – Reading books changed

Friday – Home learning sent home

Rejoice Assembly (9:10-9:45)

Reading at home

Reading books will continue to be changed twice a week. Your child should read their reading book every day, this allows for your child to read their book **3 times**.

Read 1: Children will segment and blend unknown words. Adults can model how to sound out unknown words. Discuss the meaning of unknown words.

Read 2. Children become more fluent in their reading and comprehend what they have read. Ask your child questions about the characters and story for comprehension.

Read 3: Focus on adding expression in reading, retelling and asking inference questions. Inference questions allow children to think more deeply about a text and use clues from the book and draw on knowledge from their own experiences.

Please ensure you are listening to you child read their school reader at home every day. The more children have the chance to practise reading the more confident and fluent they become.

Staff in class:

Mrs Thiele (out of class Monday and Wednesday afternoons)

Mrs Melvin (Every morning until lunchtime)

Ms Purdue (Every morning until lunchtime)

Mrs Marcus (Every afternoon)

Mrs Trimby (Wednesday afternoons)

Mr D (Monday afternoons)

