YEAR 1 CURRICULUM LETTER

AUTUMN TERM

Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

With God's guidance we grow and learn.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. We are looking forward to a wonderful Autumn Term filled with exciting learning opportunities, new experiences and lots of fun.

ENGLISH

Children will take part in daily Read Write Inc. phonics lessons to develop their reading and spelling skills. They will read decodable texts during guided reading sessions and develop their writing through:

- Captions, labels and lists
- Retelling and sequencing stories
- Learning and performing poetry
- Developing sentence writing and vocabulary



MATHS

Following the White Rose Maths scheme, children will:

- Count, compare and order numbers
- Develop number bonds within 10
- Add and subtract using practical resources
- Explore shape and pattern
- Explain their mathematical thinking using mathematical vocabulary

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Creation and Covenant

Children will learn:

- God created the world and all people.
- How Christians care for God's creation.
- The story of Noah and God's covenant.
- The importance of Baptism and belonging.

Our Class Charity

This year, children will learn about a range of charities and will vote democratically to choose a charity to support throughout the year.

SCIENCE

All About Me and Growth

Children will:

- Identify and name body parts.
- Explore the five senses.
- Learn how to stay healthy.
- Observe seasonal changes during Autumn.
- Record weather patterns and changes in the natural world.



GEOGRAPHY

Where Do We Live?

Children will:

- Name the four countries of the United Kingdom.
- Locate the UK on a world map and name the seven continents.
- Learn about oceans.
- Explore human and physical geographical features.
- Investigate our local area through simple fieldwork activities.



HISTORY

Floella Benjamin

- Learn about Floella Benjamin's journey to England.
- Explore diversity, identity and belonging.
- Understand why she is an important historical figure.



Remembrance Day

- Learn why Remembrance Day is important.
- Understand how and why people remember significant events and people.
- Explore how Remembrance Day is commemorated today.



Childhood Then and Now

- Compare childhood today with the past.
- Explore toys, schools and homes through time.
- Understand how daily life has changed within living memory.



ART & DESIGN

Buildings and Homes

Inspired by the work of L.S. Lowry, children will:

- Develop painting techniques.
- Explore colour and texture.
- Create artwork inspired by buildings and communities.
- Produce an individual final piece.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Food and Healthy Choices

Children will:

- Learn about healthy foods.
- Prepare ingredients safely.
- Design and make a healthy snack.
- Evaluate their finished product.



MUSIC

My Musical Heartbeat

Children will:

- Sing and perform songs together.
- Learn about pulse and rhythm.
- Play tuned and untuned instruments.
- Develop confidence when performing to others.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE Days: Monday and Friday

Multi Skills

- Develop running, jumping and balancing skills.
- Improve throwing and catching techniques.
- Build coordination and confidence through team games.



Dance: Toys

- Use movement to represent toys and characters.
- Create simple dance sequences.
- Develop rhythm, coordination and performance skills.



COMPUTING

Children will:

- Develop coding skills through iCode.
- Learn how algorithms work.
- Use technology safely and responsibly.
- Create and explore digital content.



PSHE

Children will learn about:

- Building positive relationships
- Understanding feelings and emotions
- Recognising what makes each person unique and special
- Being a good friend
- Developing confidence and resilience
- Keeping themselves safe and healthy



Thank you for your continued support.

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