



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Charles and to 1H. I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. Please read the following which outlines the key routines and important information regarding your child.

Homework will be set once a week

Maths and phonics/grammar will be given out on a **Monday** which is due back on the following **Monday**. This homework is marked and kept in your child's folder. If there are any difficulties or issues arising from this homework do let your child's class teacher know.

Spellings/sentences will be given out on a **Monday** to be completed by **Friday** for your child's spelling test. Marks for their test will be in their red spelling book for you to see on Monday when their new spelling homework is set. Please ensure your child brings their reading folder and red book to school every day for guided reading. Books will be changed every Friday. **We would like to remind you that there will be a £5 charge for any mislaid books. Unless otherwise informed, books not returned to school after a two-week period will be considered lost.**

This work will be explained to your child; however, it is important that you supervise them while they are doing it, drawing attention to handwriting and spelling. Each piece of work should take no longer than 30 minutes. Advice for completing spelling homework will be outlined on the inside cover of your child's red spelling book.

Phonics

We continue to use the phonics scheme called Essential Letters and Sounds across the school which is taught to the children daily. It is essential that children continue to read and practise these sounds on a regular basis at home through reading daily.

We will:

- Hear and identify the sound in words including digraphs and trigraphs.
- Learn to read and write Harder to Read and Spell words and practice using these in short sentences.
- Practise letter formation using cursive script.
- Sound out and write words and sentences with increased independence.

- Continue to read stories as a class and individually, encouraging children to decode words and discuss what they have read

Reading

Reading every night is part of your child's weekly homework. Your child has a reading folder, books and yellow reading record. It is important that your child brings these items to school daily and is responsible for their safekeeping throughout the year. Please listen to and read with your child every night and sign their yellow reading record. **Folders must be brought in everyday** and new books will be issued every Friday. **It is essential that you listen to and read with your child every night.**

Maths

We will continue to follow the Mastering Number Programme and this term will focus on the follow topics:

- Measures
- Time
- Number
- Exploring calculation strategies within 20, Numbers to 50, Addition and subtraction within 20
- Fractions
- Measures
- Length and mass

Physical Education

PE will take place every **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school on the day dressed in their full St Charles P.E kit; which is a St Charles/plain white t-shirt, navy shorts/bottoms and suitable trainers/plimsolls. Football kits are not appropriate and must not be worn.

This half term we will be learning to play cricket.

After half term, children will be taking part in Gymnastics where they will be focusing on travelling and being safe and healthy.

Music - Rhythm and Pitch

Children will continue learning various songs with increasing control and using the voice expressively. Additionally, they will be learning about notes division adding simple rhythms played on untuned percussion, following a simple notation of 4/4 rhythmic time division (crotchets and rests). They will continue developing an understanding of pulse and create more complex rhythmic patterns.

Design and Technology

During the second part of the term, year one will focus on Food and Nutrition. Children will explore healthy foods and plan, create and evaluate a fruit salad.

Art

This half term we will be exploring paintings of children, exploring what paintings can tell us about the past and looking at how art can give us messages.

Computing

This term we will be learning about: Programming Devices: Giving instructions-making toast. Information technology: Creating an avatar and an image - design a plate. Information technology: Using technology to sort objects into groups and for graphing.

Science

This term, children will be exploring Animals including Humans. By the end of the spring term, they will: Explain some of the changes that occur in humans from when they are born. Describe some of the characteristics that occur as humans get older. Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene humans.

History

Our history topic this spring term is Castles and knights. We will be exploring the following questions: What are castles? What are the parts of a castle? What would be on your Coat of Arms? Where are some castles in the United Kingdom? What clothes did the King and Queen wear? What was life like for a king or queen?

Geography

This term we will be learning about Earth and space in Geography. Here are some of the questions that we will be exploring: What are some geographical features on earth? What are natural and manmade features on earth? What is the solar system? What are the physical features of planets in the solar system? Who was Neil Armstrong? What does my planet look like?

RE

This Spring term, the topics we will cover in RE are: Special People, Meals and Change.

Stationery & Uniform

It is helpful for your child to have a pencil case containing the following equipment: pencil, rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils, ruler and 1 glue stick. Please ensure full school uniform is always worn and is **clearly labelled** with your child's name as well as any equipment your child may bring in, including water bottles.

Collection and Home time

Regarding children being collected, please ensure you have called the office or notified the teacher if there is somebody different collecting your child. We will not be able to dismiss your child for child protection reasons without this information.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to request a call back through the school office or email me on our class email address: 1H@st-charles.rbkc.sch.uk

This email address is not for informing the school of absence; the main office must be contacted in that instance. Please remember that as I am in class teaching during the day, I may not be able to reply instantly, but will get back to you as soon as possible. If you have an urgent concern, please phone the school directly on 020-8969-5566.

Best wishes

Mrs Harwood
1H Class Teacher