



A journey of learning for all, within God's guiding hands

Term 5 Newsletter - Class 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting Term 5. We have lots of engaging learning planned for the children and are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead.

Our Topic: Journeys

This term, our learning will be centred around the theme of *Journeys*. We will explore different types of journeys through stories, maps, and our own experiences.

Literacy (English)

We will be focusing on the texts *Handa's Surprise*, *Jack and the Flumflum Tree*, and *The Smeds and the Smoos*. Through these, the children will label and describe key features, write simple letters and explore creating and reading list poems.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be working on numbers to 20 and beyond. The children will be developing their understanding of how to manipulate, compose, and decompose numbers, building strong foundations in number sense.

Understanding the World / Geography

As part of our "Journeys" topic, we will be developing early map skills, helping children understand simple maps and how we use them.

Expressive Arts and Design (Art)

We will be exploring art from around the world, with a focus on Africa. The children will look at traditional patterns and prints and create their own inspired artwork.

Religious Education (RE)

Our key question this term is: *Which places are special and why?*

We are excited to be visiting Canterbury Mosque, where the children will learn about a special place of worship. We will also use *The Smeds and the Smoos* to support our learning about recognising and respecting differences.

Phonics

We will continue with Phase 4 phonics, focusing on short vowels in longer words, compound words and root words ending in: *-ing*, *-ed (t)*, *-ed (id)*, and *-est*.

Science

This term in Science, we will be exploring materials through hands-on investigation. The children will use all of their senses to explore natural materials, sort and explore collections of materials with similar and different properties and learn new vocabulary linked to materials, including exploring floating and sinking through activities such as boat building.

Home Learning

- Please continue to support your child by using Numbots at home to build confidence and fluency in number skills.
- Children also have access to our eBook library to support reading alongside their phonics books that are sent home.
- If you need a reminder of your child's login details, please do not hesitate to ask.

Practical Reminders

- Please ensure your child brings a **coat** to school every day, as the weather can be changeable.
- **No toys** from home, please.
- Please continue to access Numbots and the Big Cat Colins ebook library from home. If you need a reminder of your child's login details, please let us know.

- **PE days** this term have changed and are now **Monday and Thursday**. Please ensure children come to school wearing school PE kit on these days.
- Please collect your children from church on **Mondays and Fridays at 3:20pm**.
- **School Timings**
 - Gates open:** 8:40am
 - Gates close:** 8:50am
 - End of the day:** 3:20pm

Please ensure children arrive on time, ready for the day.

Staying Updated

Please keep an eye on **ClassDojo** for updates, reminders, and photos of our learning throughout the term.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fun-filled and busy term ahead!

Kind regards

Miss Fitz, Mrs Willett and Miss Wilkinson