

## Class 1 Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2024

Hello and welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely half term. We have had a great first week back. The children have settled back in to the routines brilliantly.

Our topic this half term is inventors and inventions with the big question - How do you become famous for more than five minutes? We have lots of exciting things happening this half term including all of the lovely Christmas activities.

I will teach phonics on a Monday morning but will then be out of the classroom for the rest of the day. I will be in school, but this will be my non-contact time. Miss Bradford will be leading the class and teaching them the planned lessons on the timetable.

### **Show and Tell:**

You have all hopefully received the show and tell timetable for this half term. There is also one displayed in the window.

Children may bring in one or two items/toys from home to show to the rest of the class and talk about them. Items linked to our learning would be great but if it is something that is not, that is also fine! We want to build the children's confidence at speaking in front of the group and to develop their speaking and listening skills. I have started with the children who have been at Holy Trinity as an early learner so that our new children can get more of an idea of what show and tell entails. The children absolutely love this time of the day. If they aren't confident to talk in front of the class, or are feeling a bit worried, we are more than happy to support them. I realise that on the Show and Tell timetable it says that you may want to bring a memory stick in. However, we can now no longer allow this but you can email me anything of send it to me vis Dojo.

**Reading:** The children have got into a good routine as choosing a new class picture book to go alongside their reading book. Book change day will continue to be on a Tuesday but please let me know if you feel like you need a different book before then. A week is a good amount of time to have a book so that the children become really familiar with it and build their confidence in talking about it or making up their own stories. They can also predict what might happen next, sequence the events and talk about the characters and how they might be feeling. There are suggestions in the back of the books that you can also try at home.

**Book Bags:** Please make sure your child brings their book bag, reading book and reading diaries daily. We will put any letters in them, so please try to check them regularly too. We do try to check them, but if you could help with this that would be fab. It is best to hand any money/ slips over to an adult at the door in a morning in case they get lost or forgotten about.

### **Water Bottles/Snack:**

Please could all children bring a filled water bottle in daily. Children have a free access to this throughout the day. Children will be offered a fruit/veg snack daily (mid-morning), as well as milk if you have applied for this via Cool Milk. (Please see Mrs Beddoe if you need assistance with this.) If you would like your child to bring in a **small healthy snack**, please ensure these are in named container. Please no NUTS as we do have allergies in school.

**Outdoor Learning:**

Our Outdoor Learning session is a Friday morning. Children need to come to school on a Friday in outdoor learning clothes. This can be joggers, leggings, t-shirts, jumpers etc. Waterproofs and all in one suits are great but as long as your child has appropriate outdoor clothing on for all weathers, they will be fine! It is a good idea to bring wellies on a Friday. We are happy for them to be left at school.

If children are coming to school in their own wellies, they will also require a **pair of indoor shoes please**. As the weather starts to get colder, children will need hats, gloves and scarves. As there are a lot of us in the class, we will try and keep these in the children's individual trays but if you could name them, that would be really appreciated.

**Naming Belongings:**

Please can you ensure that ALL belongings are clearly named. Some name labels are wearing/falling off so a check would be much appreciated.

**Dojo:** Please keep your eye on dojo for updates about weekly learning and day to day messages. You may also contact us via Dojo private message if you need to ask us anything or please do approach us when we are around.

**Drop off:** The door is open for drop off from 8:35pm and a member of staff will always be available to welcome children in. We ask to aid transition and develop independence, that parents/ carers say goodbye at the door. However, we understand if you need to come in and we will support the children to separate as seemingly as possible.

**Collections:** We release the children from the main office door officially at 3:15pm, however we tend to open slightly before to accommodate parents who have older siblings at other schools. Please don't think you are late if you arrive and we are already dismissing!

Please let us know directly if someone different will be collecting your child. We do operate a password system, but this is often not needed if we have seen individuals before.

Below is an overview of some of the things that the children will be doing this half term. Our new topic is Inventors and Inventions with the big question 'How do you become famous for more than five minutes?'

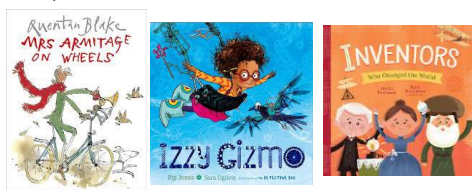
If you have any questions or queries about anything, then please do not hesitate to phone/email: [j.johnson-cooper@southwellholyltrinity.org.uk](mailto:j.johnson-cooper@southwellholyltrinity.org.uk) or message via dojo.

Miss Johnson-Cooper, Miss Bradford & Mrs Mulligan



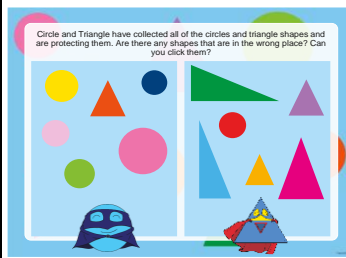
### English

We will continue to do lots of name writing practice and making sure that the children have a comfortable and appropriate pencil grip. Anything you can do at home to aid this is much appreciated. We will look at stories and books related to our topics such as Mrs Armitage on Wheels, Izzy Gizmo, An Engineer Like Me and Non-Fiction books on Inventors and Inventions. We will draw and write about inventions, discuss our opinions of stories and write labels for parts of inventions.



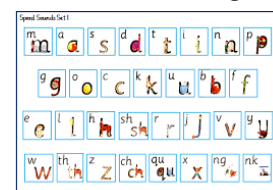
### Maths

We will continue with the White Rose unit of work called 1, 2, 3 it's me focusing on 1 more, 1 less. We will look at circles and triangles and shapes in the environment, describe position and look at numbers 4 and 5 in depth. We will also learn about day and night.



### Phonics

We will continue with our Read Write Inc scheme of phonics and continue to teach Set 1 phonemes. Children will learn the sound letters make, the phrase that goes with this to aid the letter formation and we will practise orally blending words. We use Fred frog who speaks in 'Fred talk'. For example: Fred saw a c-a-t. What did Fred see? We will begin to introduce common exception words which you can find in the back of the reading diaries.



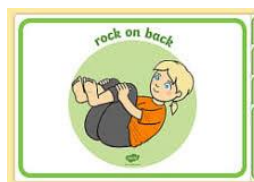
### RE

This half term, we are focusing on Incarnation which is part of the Christmas story. We will learn about how Christians believe that even though we were all very special babies once, Jesus is the most special baby. We will learn about the nativity characters and their importance as part of the Christmas story. We will learn about what happens in church at Christmas and special things that Christians do to share God's love at Christmas.



### PE

Monday PE we will focus on gymnastics with Mrs Haxton-Gregory or Miss Bradford. This will be in church. Josh our lovely coach from ACE Sports, will do PE on a Thursday afternoon and will focus on playground games and multi-skills,



### PSED

HeartSmart - Don't forget to let love in! We will learn about how we are all special and ways which make us special. We will create a class fingerprint tree to show how we are all unique and that we should celebrate and respect differences.



### TOPIC

We will learn about different inventors and the inventions they have created. We will learn that these people are famous because of this with a particular focus on Leonardo Da Vinci. We will learn about materials - their names and properties and how these are important when inventing things.



### Expressive Arts & Design

We will create Rangoli patterns linked to the festival of Diwali. We will create firework pictures and make parachutes linked to our learning at Magna. Christmas craft day is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and any offer of help would be much appreciated.



### Outdoor Learning

This half term our outdoor learning will continue to focus on Autumn. We will use our senses to think about what we can see, hear, smell, taste and touch in Autumn. We will also learn about the changes as Autumn turns into Winter.

