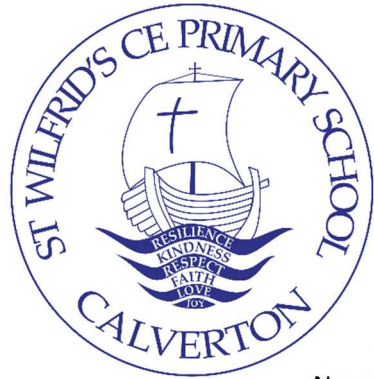


Welcome to Year 1



Spring 2

We are already half way through Year 1 and time seems to be flying! Hopefully this half term will bring some sunnier days as well as the lighter mornings and afternoons.

Our topic this half term is History based and focusses on toys. As an introduction to this topic, the children will be visiting Newstead Abbey on Wednesday 25th February to explore old toys and will be comparing them to the types of toys they play with today.

The children will be taking part in Forest Schools every Monday. Please send the children into school wearing their PE kits on a Monday and Wednesday. They will also need their wellies and waterproofs on a Monday too.

On a Wednesday the children will be continuing to learn to play the ukulele as part of our music lessons.

Please continue to hear your child read their scheme book as often as possible. While sharing stories and favourite books is so important, please also ask your child to read their *Little Wandle* book to you. By the time this book comes home, your child will have already read it three times in school and should be developing confidence and fluency.

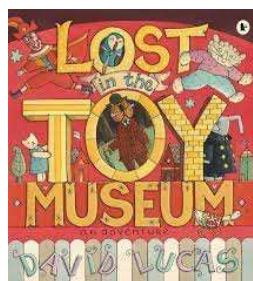
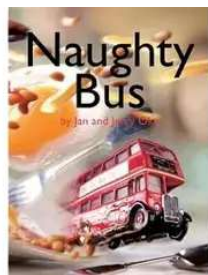
From the Little Wandle Website :

'Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.'

Curriculum



We will be using these two picture books in our English lessons this half term. The children will have opportunities to act out and retell parts of the story as well as writing lists, labels, captions and simple narratives.

We will continue to focus on key skills in writing, such as practicing letter formation, working on capital letters, and learning how to construct simple sentences using full stops. Emphasis will be placed on using digraphs correctly and spelling tricky words.

In addition to this work, every Monday the children will be working on 'Complete Comprehension'. This will give the children a variety of texts and they will be taught 5 key skills: word reading, retrieval, sequencing, inference and prediction.

Maths

We follow the White Rose Maths programme. This half term, we will continue working on:

- Addition and subtraction within 20
- Place value to 50

To support your child at home, extra practice with number bonds to 10 and 20 would be very helpful. You might like to try "Hit the Button" (quick-fire maths practice for number bonds up to 20). [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds](#) Games involving counting, such as snakes and ladders, card games, dominoes or dice games, are also very beneficial.

RE

In RE, the children will be learning about *Salvation* through our Understanding Christianity work. They will explore why Easter matters to Christians and learn about the key parts of the Easter story.

Science

Our Science learning will take place mainly through Forest Schools. The children will be learning about seasonal changes and looking for signs of Spring in our school environment.

Computing

In Computing, the children will continue their work on algorithms and internet safety.

Design and Technology

This half term, the children will be designing and box-modelling churches. Please start saving small boxes that we could use (for example: cereal boxes, cereal bar boxes, kitchen roll tubes, and other small packaging of different shapes).

As we have limited storage space in the classroom, please keep the boxes at home until we send a message on Class Dojo asking for them. Thank you for your support.

PSHE

We follow the SCARF programme (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship). This half term, the children will be learning about *Rights and Respect*. This includes:

- Looking after the environment
- Taking care of belongings
- Keeping money safe and understanding simple saving
- Very basic first aid

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If there is anything at all that we can help with, please do get in touch either via Class Dojo or coming to talk to us after school. We will do our best to help,

Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Watson