



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2023



Staff

Miss Threlfall - Class Teacher

Every day

Miss Smith - Class Teacher

PPA cover– Thursday afternoons

Mrs Costas-Walker - Teaching Assistant

Monday, Tuesday

Mrs Lock– Teaching Assistant

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Welcome to Year One! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and that you're looking forward to the new school year. This letter contains lots of general information about Year One and the learning we will be doing over the Autumn Term, so please take a little time to read it carefully and keep it to refer back to.

Entering and exiting school: The doors at the top of the steps will be opened and a staff member present from 8.50am. Children can then enter school. Doors will be closed at 8.55 when all children should be settled in school ready for registration. If you are late, please go to the office. At the end of the day, children will be dismissed from the same door. We will look for a family member before releasing them. *If your child has an unavoidable medical appointment during the school day, please let the office know. Please also let them know of any absences.*

Please ensure all items of uniform, coats, water bottles etc are clearly named so they can be reunited with their owner easily.

It is school policy that only plain water can be brought in water bottles– no juice or fizzy drinks please.

Children should only bring a book bag please– the ones that were given at the start of Reception– no rucksacks as we do not have the space to store these.

Do keep an eye on the school newsletter that is emailed every Friday. On it there are details of upcoming events, news and information.

Please also take time to digest the information about online safety that accompanies the newsletter and to discuss staying safe online, including what to do if something doesn't seem right.

I will share news, learning and notices on Seesaw, however please contact the office if you need to get in touch with me, as per Mr Booth's letter during the Summer Term.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support throughout the school year,

Miss Threlfall and the Year One team x

Year 1



PE Days

Thursday and Friday

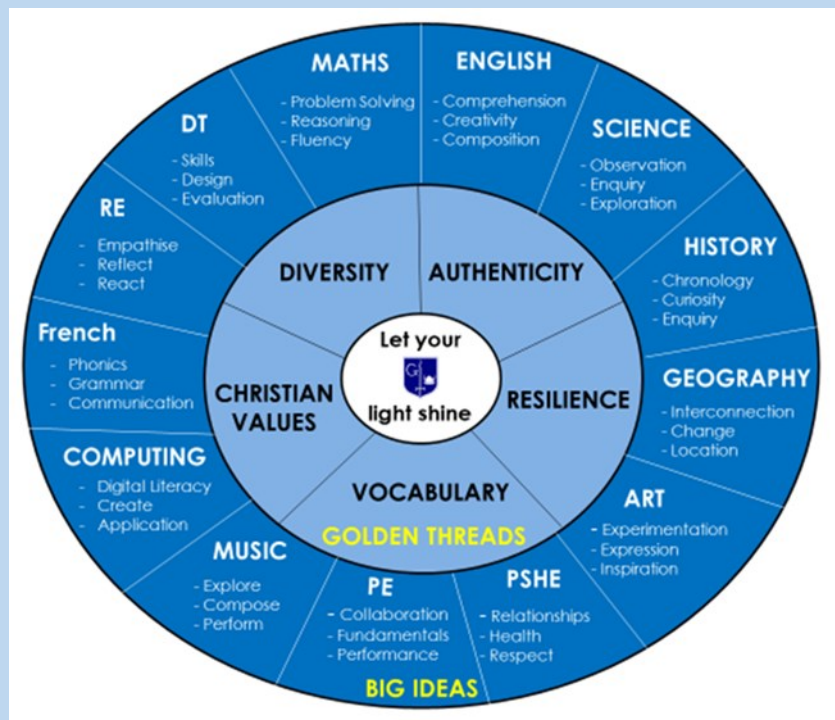


Our Curriculum

At Grimsargh St. Michael's, we have our five '**golden threads**' that underpin our teaching and learning culture.

For each curriculum area, we then have three '**big ideas**'.

This image shows how these work together to give our children a well rounded and authentic curriculum to create resilient and enthusiastic learners. Please have a look at our website to learn more about each of our subjects- <https://www.grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum-home/>



PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

In Year One, all children take part in the Phonics Screening Check. This will be in June 2024 and we will give you lots of information in the run up to the date.

If you would like to familiarise yourself further with what the screening involves, please have a look at this link- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1164731/Information_for_parents_-_2023_phonics_screening_check.pdf



MATHS

Number

Place Value within 10

Addition and subtraction within 10

Place Value within 20

Geometry

Shape

PHONICS

Miss Lemmings has passed her Phonics assessments to me so we will continue to move through the Red Rose Letters and Sounds scheme following a recap and refresh of previous learning.

ENGLISH

Poems, songs and rhymes.

Stories with familiar setting, friendship

Non-fiction texts: booklets

Stories by the Same Author

Poems on a theme

Range of non-fiction texts

PE

Throwing and catching.

Fundamental skills.

Body actions – jumping and turning.

Gymnastics.

LEARNING



MUSIC

How does music help us to understand our neighbours?

How can we make friends when we sing together?

Other: Christmas production

HISTORY

Changes within living memory.

The history of toys in my family.

How have toys changed?

GEOGRAPHY

Weather and climate

How do the seasonal and daily weather patterns change in our local area?

Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns.

SCIENCE

The Human Body

Seasonal changes- Autumn

Materials

Seasonal changes- Winter

RE

Harvest

Non-Christian Faith and Sukkot

God and Creation

Christmas

LEARNING

COMPUTING

Grouping and sorting (in maths)

Pictograms

Lego Builders

Technology outside school

Online Safety: Self-image and Identity, Online relationships, Online reputation, Online bullying

PSHE

Me and my relationships

Valuing differences



ART

Painting- colour theory and elements of art.

Artist focus- author and illustrator Arree Chung

DT

Food- understand and follow a recipe- make rainbow fruit skewers.

HOME LEARNING

(logins inside reading diaries)

Mathletics - will be set weekly. This either links to the learning set in class or a recap from previous learning. Please help support your children by making this part of your home routine.

Purple Mash– I will set tasks on Purple Mash for children to practise their skills at home. In school, the children mainly use a laptop so it would be useful if they are able to do the same at home (rather than an iPad/phone)

READING

Reading will always be of great importance in all learning. In class we are constantly reading whether it is TRIC (Teacher Reading in Class), Guided Reading, English lessons or 1:1 (to name a few).

The staff talk to the children often about reading at home to help with their fluency, understanding of a text and to simply escape into a good book!

Please ensure you are reading with your child at least three times a week. Give the children 10 minutes of your time, each night, to showcase their skills and wow you!

If you could then write in your child's diary we can celebrate their hard work.

We are always looking for anyone to support our learning. If you have a keen interest or experience in any of our future areas of learning, please let me know and I can incorporate a visit or any information you may have.

Please keep your eye on social media platforms, school website and seesaw for information and photos that support and showcase the learning across school.



Instagram

SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

'Grimsargh St Michael's C of E
Primary School' on Facebook.

UNIFORM

As a school we are constantly ensuring high standards across school life.

It is really important for children to wear the correct uniform; especially school shoes not trainers and no earrings. Please ensure PE tracksuit trousers are navy blue.

Please see our website for more details: <https://www.grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk/policies/>



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 5th– Nippon ju-jitsu taster session

Tuesday 19th– Clubs start

Thursday 28th– St Michael's Day service in church– 9.15

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd– Harvest service in church– 9.15

Tuesday 3rd– Individual photographs

Wednesday 18th– Online parent/carer meetings

Friday 20th– School closes for half term– 3.25

Monday 30th– School opens.

NOVEMBER

Monday 13th– Friday 17th– Anti-bullying week

DECEMBER

Friday 1st– Clubs finish

Saturday 2nd– Christmas Fair

Wednesday 6th– Panto trip

Monday 11th– KS1 Dress rehearsal

Tuesday 12th– KS1 performance 2pm

Wednesday 13th– KS1 performance 6pm

Thursday 21st– Christmas worship at church– 9.15

Friday 22nd– School closes for Christmas– 3.25

Please keep an eye on the newsletter as new dates and events are added regularly.