



## YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

### SPRING 2024



#### **Staff**

##### **Miss Threlfall - Class Teacher**

Every day

##### **Miss Jewitt- Class Teacher**

PPA cover– Thursday afternoons

##### **Mrs Costas-Walker - Teaching Assistant**

Monday, Tuesday

##### **Sara Litwinek– Student Teacher**

Every day from 10/01/24

##### **Stacey– College Student**

Thursday, Friday

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break with family and friends. We're looking forward to a term full of fun and learning

Just a few reminders ...

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– please don't try to open the automated doors. 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 continue to 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. Keep a look out on social media for photos of our learning too!

Many thanks,

*Miss Threlfall and the Year One team x*

# Year 1



#### **PE Days**

Monday and Friday

(Though this may change after the first two weeks)

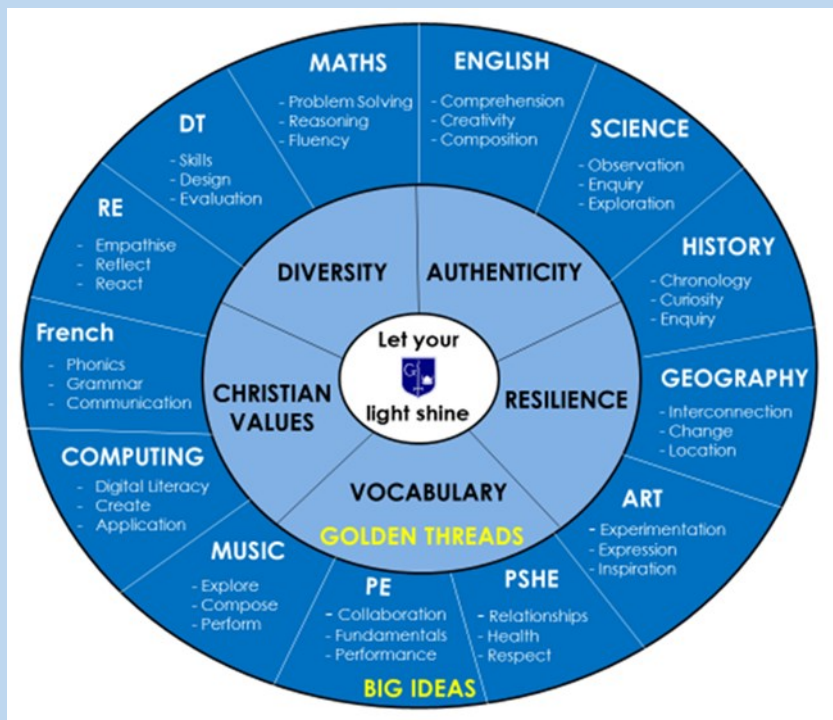


## Our Curriculum

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](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1164731/Information_for_parents_-_2023_phonics_screening_check.pdf)



## **MATHS**

### **Number**

Addition and subtraction within 20

Place Value within 50

Multiplication and Division

### **Measurement**

Length and Height

Weight and Volume

## **PHONICS**

We will continue to work through Phase 5 following the Red Rose Letters and Sounds scheme.

Children who are not yet secure at the current phase will receive intervention support.

## **ENGLISH**

Traditional Tales

Non-Chronological Reports

Classic stories

Instructions

Recounts

## **PE**

Gymnastics activities 2

FMS Zog

Dance Fire Fire!

Catching and bouncing a ball

## **LEARNING**



## **MUSIC**

What songs can we sing to help us through the day?

How does music make the world a better place?

## **HISTORY**

Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.

The Great Fire of London.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

United Kingdom

What is the United Kingdom and where are we within it?

## **SCIENCE**

Planting A & B

Animals

Caring for the planet.

Seasonal changes- Spring

## **RE**

Jesus was Special

Easter

## LEARNING



### COMPUTING

Maze Explorers  
Animated story books

#### **Online Safety:**

Managing online Information  
Health, wellbeing and lifestyle  
Privacy and security

### ART

Printing- prints of The Great Fire of London- Art focus- paintings of the GFOL c. 1666.

Collage- castle and sun collages- Artist focus- Paul Klee

### PSHE

Keeping safe  
Rights and respect

### DT

Mechanisms- design, make and evaluate moving pictures of GFOL.

### 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**

### **JANUARY**

Thursday 18th– Winnie the Pooh Day

Monday 22nd– Extra curricular clubs begin

Friday 26th- Multi Cultural Book Day

### **FEBRUARY**

5th-9th- Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th– Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th- School closes for half term

Monday 19th- School opens

Tuesday 27th/Wednesday 28th- Parent/Carer Evenings

### **MARCH**

Thursday 7th- World Book Day

Friday 15th– Last day for extra curricular clubs

Thursday 28th– School closes for Easter holidays

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