

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to share with you an overview of the topics that your child will be learning this half of the Spring term in Year 1 and Year 2. At St. Cuthbert's, we value the important partnership between home and school. Please use the information below to support your child with their learning over the coming weeks.




Thank you for the effort that is put into reading with your child at home. This is the key to developing skills across the curriculum and the more you can do, the more your child will be able to improve the speed and depth with which they learn. Remember to talk to your child about what they are reading as well as listening to them – the type of questions that need an explanation should be combined with fact finding questions.







If you have any questions about the information below, please feel free to make an appointment or call into school and see us.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Meyerhoff, Mrs Bone & Miss Brownsord

Below are the topics that we are going to be studying this half term with some ideas of activities you can do at home to support your child's learning.

Subjects	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	How to help at home.
Religious Education 	Galilee to Jerusalem: We will be focusing on the early life of Jesus and his life as a young Jewish boy. We will also look at how Jesus met some of the special people in his life	The Holy Family. Write a prayer for your family. Why not bring it into school and share with Mrs Bone for our RE corner?
English 	The children will be taught in phonics groups based on their ability. They will work on new sounds and recap previously learnt sounds. The children will practice blending the sound into words and build up to fluent reading and comprehension. In their English lessons this term, the children will explore and develop ideas through talk and learn to listen to each other's responses. They will develop creative responses to the text through drama, play and artwork. They will also, write in role in order to explore characters and events.	Please read with your child as much as you can. Don't forget if your child read 5 times – they get a Head teachers award in our Golden book assembly. Remember to use Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress.
Mathematics 	Division Place value Statistics Length and Height Shape Fractions	Login to your TT Rock Stars account and see if you can beat your best score.

<p>Science</p> 	<p>Seasonal Changes</p> <p>This half term, the children will learn about the seasons, seasonal changes and typical seasonal weather and events. They learn about measuring the weather and the role of a meteorologist. Children begin to learn about the science of day and night and recognise that the seasons have varying day lengths in the UK.</p>	<p>Talk to the children about what they know about the four seasons. Can they name them? What special birthdays and events happen in your family in each of the seasons?</p>
<p>Humanities</p> 	<p>Bright Lights, Big City</p> <p>This term, the children will learn about the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of the capital city, London and the similarities and differences to their home.</p>	<p>Talk about places you have visited or places you have seen on TV or in films. What are the similarities and differences between these and where you live?</p>
<p>Art/ DT</p> 	<p>Rain and Sunrays (Art)</p> <p>This half term, the children will learn about collagraph printing, including how to develop a motif to make single and repeated prints.</p> <p>Taxi! (DT)</p> <p>This half term, the children will learn about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move.</p>	<p>Make a junk model vehicle out of recycling or other materials. Can you make it move? Bring it in! Or send us a picture on DOJOs.</p>
	<p>This half term KS1 are looking at Fitness in PE and how exercise affects our body. We also gave Cricket with Cumbria Cricket on a Friday.</p>	<p>Talk to the children about the effects exercise has on their body. How do they feel? Does it boost their mood?</p>
<p>HRSE</p> 	<p>The children will discuss the Gospel story from their lessons in Autumn, to show that God created us to follow the cycle of life and He loves us at every stage. The children will learn about the specifics of the human life cycle, including the end of life.</p>	<p>Talk to the children about how they have changed in their lives so far. What did they used to find tricky that they are brilliant at now?</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>The children will be learning to make a robot move following and writing simple code.</p>	<p>Challenge the children to be a robot! Give them instructions from get to A to B. For example, one step forward, turn 90 degrees right, three steps forward. Can they complete the challenge?</p>