

## St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Windermere

### Curriculum Overview KS1 Spring 2 – Bright Lights Big City – London

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 Years 1 & 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 and 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.
<b>Religious Education</b> 	<b>From Desert to Garden:</b> We will be following Jesus on his journey during Lent from being tempted in the desert to arriving in Jerusalem. During Holy week we will focus on the key events, including the last supper and crucifixion.	During Lent we think about filling our hearts with joy and hope and fasting from sadness and using hurtful words. Can you talk to your child about their day and focus on the positives? You could help your child make a card to tell someone how great they are!
<b>English</b> 	The children will be taught in phonics groups. 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 focus on editing and improving their work. They will ensure that new and previously taught punctuation is present along with exciting	Please read with your child as much as you can.  Remember if they read 5 times a week, they get a Head teachers award.

	adjectives and conjunctions to extend their sentences.	
<b>Mathematics</b> 	Shape Properties of Shape Fractions	Login to your TT Rock Stars account on a regular basis and practise your skills.
<b>Science</b> 	<b>Seasonal Changes</b> This half term, the children will continue their learning about the four seasons. They will take part in experiments teaching them about UV exposure and how to keep safe in the sun. They will also take part in data collection such as measuring wind and precipitation.	Talk to the children about keeping safe in the sun. What do they already know? Draw on personal experience and talk about what you do in the summer months to keep safe.
<b>Humanities</b> 	<b>Bright Lights, Big City</b> This term, the children will continue their learning about the United Kingdom. They will focus on London, the capital city of England and how cities like it differ from where we live in Cumbria. They will learn about the features of a city and talk about cities they may have visited.	Talk about a city that you and the children have visited or seen on television or in books. What features does it have? (tall buildings, cathedral, types of transport etc)
<b>Art/ DT</b> 	<b>Taxi! (DT)</b> This half term, the children will continue to learn about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move. This half term the children will be making their own vehicles.	Look at toy cars, trucks skateboards etc that you may have at home or look at cars in a book. Challenge the children to name the wheels, axel and chassis of each.
	<b>Fundamentals</b> We will be looking at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical: balance, jump, hop, run, speed, agility, dodge, skip, co-ordination</li> <li>Social: collaboration, work safely, support others</li> <li>Emotional: determination, self-regulation, honesty, perseverance</li> <li>Thinking: comprehension, select and apply skills</li> </ul>	PE will take place on Thursdays with Miss Brownsord. PE kit should be in schools at all times.
<b>HRSE</b> 	The children will discuss the story of the Prodigal Son and learn that God loves us and nothing we can do will stop Him loving us. They will understand the importance of the nuclear and wider family, and of being close to and trusting their special people, especially their caregivers. They will also learn that it is important to talk to their special people about things that are troubling them. Children will be given opportunities to reflect on their own network of special people.	Talk to the children about their nuclear and wider circle. Who do they have in their lives that they could turn to if they need help?

**Computing**



The children will be learning about algorithmic thinking, programming and safety & security, using practical and creative knowledge.

Why not ask your child what they have been learning in computing and see if they can show you/share their new skills



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