



# St Ambrose R.C. Primary School

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Loving minds ♥ hearts ♥ hands.

Welcome to Year 1! Below is some information, which we hope will enable you to become more familiar with the routines within your child's class. Children make far better progress when home and school work together. If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment;

Thank you.

**Autumn 1 2020-21: This term we will be learning lots of new and exciting things!**

### Home Learning and Reading

Daily reading is extremely important. We listen to your child read every day in school and we expect you to listen to your child read every day for 5-10 minutes at home. Please sign their reading record every time you read with them. All children will have a mental maths book and a literacy book. These will be sent home on Thursday and the designated pages should be completed and returned to school by Tuesday morning. It is really important that this learning is supported and consolidated at home.



### English: Read Write Inc

We are continuing to follow the phonics reading and writing scheme; Read Write Inc, where your children will learn how to decode, blend sounds. This will help them read and write sentences confidently.



### RE: Domestic Church: Family

Through this unit the children will know and understand that everybody belongs to the family of God; "You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own" and that we are all made uniquely different. The children will develop their understanding that every family is different but God's love is for everyone and everything. An understanding of how Jesus' family show love will be developed.



### Mathematics: Numbers up to 10

The children will be consolidating their learning from Reception and we will initially focus on numbers to 10. They will count and write numbers to 10, compare and order numbers and find one more or one less than a given number. The children will develop the skills of addition and subtraction by learning how to count on and count back from any given number.

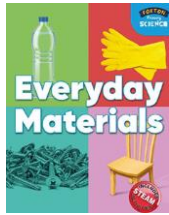


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**Science: Everyday Materials**

In this topic the children will explore and investigate with a range of materials so that they are able to:



- distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made
- identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock
- describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials e.g. absorbent or waterproof
- compare and group together a variety of materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

You can support your child in this by talking to them about what material objects are made from and why.

**History: Toys from the Past**

The children will be learning about the history of toys and games and identifying the similarities and differences between old and modern toys. They will explore the material and the function of the toy. The children will be asking family members what their favourite toy was when they were 5/6 years old and create a timeline to see how they have changed over time.



**Physical Development**



In games, the children will be developing fundamental movements, continuing their gross motor development from Reception. In gym, they will be learning Points and Patches and in dance, the children will be linking their gross and fine motor skills, using streamers, conkers and playing with a ball. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. PE is on Mondays and Thursdays.

**Music**

The children will be developing the ability to internalise a steady pulse, whilst exploring a range of instruments. They will have the opportunity to make, play, change and combine sounds by trying out different ways of producing sounds with voice, musical instruments and simple music technology.



**Computing**

Our first computing topic is 'Technology around us.' We will be looking at the definition of technology and what different types of technology does to help us. We will then start to look at learning the basic skills to control a computer, including mouse control and keyboard skills. If you have technology at home, you can support by reinforcing some of these skills in apps such as Paint.

**Useful websites and further information:**

Phonics Games:

- [www.phonicshero.com](http://www.phonicshero.com)
- [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

Mathematics and Reading Games:

- [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)
- [www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/ebooks](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/ebooks)
- [www.ICTgames.com](http://www.ICTgames.com)
- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)



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