



Meet the Teacher - 1B

## Welcome to Class 1B



### *A welcome message from Miss Bridge*

Hello and welcome to Year 1! I am delighted to be your child's teacher as we embark on an exciting journey of learning and growth in the upcoming school year. This Year Class 1B will be supported by Mrs Thompson who brings experience working with Year 1 children. Her positive and caring nature is sure to foster the development of confidence among the children in the class and instil a love of learning in all areas of the curriculum!

This will be my fourth year of teaching Year 1 at SJV. I am deeply passionate about education, especially early years reading and supporting children with the early foundations of reading. My commitment and enthusiasm are reflected in my role leading KS1 Phonics and my recent appointment as a Literacy Specialist within the SJV English Hub.

In Year 1 our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. At SJV our Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. In 1B our classroom is a place of discovery, creativity, and growth. Throughout the year, we will provide your child with a stimulating and engaging environment that fosters their intellectual curiosity and encourages them to become lifelong learners. Our classroom is a joyful, welcoming and positive environment. I enjoy using songs and rhymes to embed core knowledge across the curriculum (so expect to hear your child singing



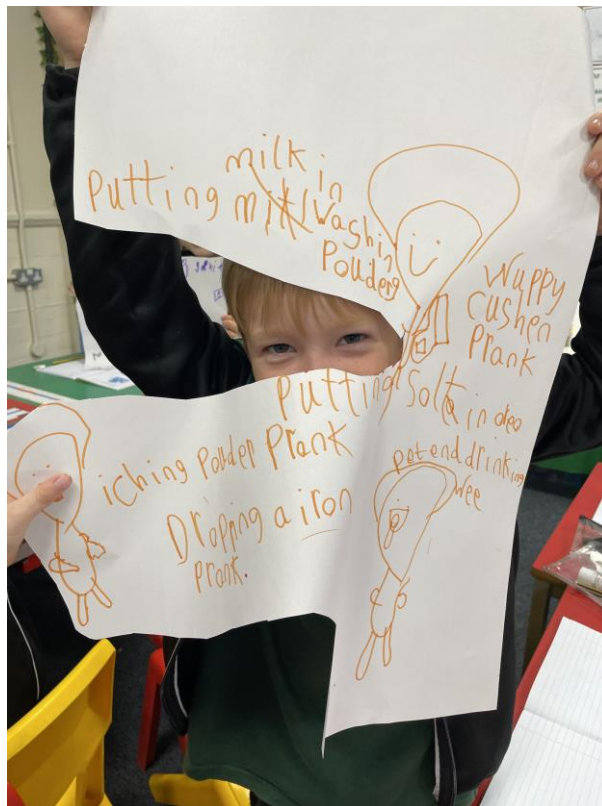
lots of these). Every child is unique and I am here to support their individual needs so that they thrive in Year 1 and beyond!

Building positive relationships is at the heart of what I do and I look forward to working with you to make this year one filled with growth, fun and achievement for your child.

## The Year 1 Team and Learning Environment



**Our Senior Leaders:** Mrs C. Evans (*Headteacher*) Mr P. Duffy (*Deputy Headteacher*) Mrs K. Arrowsmith (*Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO*) **Team Leader:** Mr C. Walsh (*Class 2W Class Teacher and Year 1 & 2 Team Leader*) **The Year 1 team:** Miss M Fletcher-Hurley (*Class 1FH's Class Teacher*) Mrs A Palmer (*Class 1FH's Teaching Assistant*) Miss K Bridge (*Class 1B Class Teacher*) Mrs E Thompson (*Class 1B's Teaching Assistant*) Mrs J. Martin (*HTLA Cover for both Year 1 classes*) Mrs T Dickinson (*Teacher Cover in both Year 1 classes*) If at any time during the school year you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange a convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher. We want to work together to create a strong home and school partnership to ensure that we meet all the needs of your child.





## The Year 1 Curriculum



As we prepare to welcome your child into Year 1, we want to share some exciting insights into the year ahead and the incredible journey that awaits them. Year 1 is an exciting year in your child's educational journey where they make significant and noticeable progress across various aspects of the curriculum. One of the cornerstones of Year 1 is fostering independence. This increased independence empowers them to become confident, self-reliant learners who are excited to explore new horizons. Year 1 is a year filled with boundless opportunities for growth, exploration, and discovery.

While Year 1 marks the transition from the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework to the National Curriculum, rest assured that we will ensure a smooth transition. We are committed to ensuring that all children are secure in the Early Learning Goals before progressing to the Year 1 National Curriculum, providing a seamless and well-rounded educational experience.

The development of reading skills is a key focus in Year 1. Reading is not only essential for academic progress but also for nurturing a lifelong love of learning. Phonics will be a central component of our curriculum, laying a strong foundation for your child's future reading success. We would be grateful if you continue supporting their reading journey at home by dedicating time to read together every day. This consistent practice is crucial for their progress.

At SJV education extends beyond the classroom and we are dedicated to providing children with enriching experiences and immersive learning opportunities that contribute to holistic growth. Some of these include our annual trip to the Lytham pantomime in December and our school trip to Ridgeway Farm.

We are excited to be part of your child's educational journey and our dedicated Year 1 team are here to support and guide them every step of the way. We value your partnership in your child's education and encourage open communication throughout the year.

## Year 1 Curriculum RE and St John Vianney Catholic Life



Our curriculum continues to place significant importance on Religious Education (RE), ensuring its central role in shaping children's learning experiences. In Year 1, our children will delve into their RE



lessons by progressively narrating key events from the Bible, both orally and in written tasks. They will also be taught the invaluable skill of asking thoughtful questions, fostering a deeper engagement with the teachings and stories from the Bible. At St John Vianney, we believe in the transformative power of a Catholic education. Our mission is to nurture the complete potential of every young individual, guiding them to lead lives that are forever influenced by the Spirit and the presence of Christ by '*Seeking Growth Together through Jesus*'. Rooted in Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church, our educational approach centres on the holistic development of each child. As a result, we prioritise the development of each child, valuing their personal journey of faith, compassion, and service to others as much as the academic excellence we provide. Through this comprehensive approach, we aim to nurture children who not only excel academically but also carry the light of Christ into their lifelong endeavours, making a positive impact in the world around them. Bringing our children together as year groups to attend Mass creates a powerful sense of unity and community within our school. These shared spiritual experiences allow our children to witness the beauty of worship and faith in a collective setting. Additionally, celebrating feast days as a school further deepens our connection to our Catholic heritage, providing meaningful opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and devotion to the teachings of the Church. On special feast days and occasions, we extend an open invitation to all our families, warmly welcoming you to join us in these celebrations. Throughout the term, Children's Liturgy takes place during the 11.15am Mass at St John Vianney, led by our school teachers. This allows children and their families to participate in Mass while the children engage with the Gospel on a level suitable for them in the Chapel. Fr Loughran welcomes families to Mass and then invites the children to join the liturgy and they are supervised and then return to Mass before the celebration for the Eucharist. Your presence with us would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.

## Additional Information



- **PE Days**

Our PE days are scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and we kindly ask that children come to school dressed in their complete SJV PE kit on these days.

- **X - Formally known as Twitter**

We use Twitter as an online platform to share the children's learning experiences with parents and families, this allows us to share insights into learning inside the classroom on a daily basis! It's simple to join Twitter and follow **@SJVYear1**; we welcome positive comments and feedback on this platform. Furthermore, our school website's curriculum pages also display these tweets, providing an



additional avenue for engagement. Our school website: [St John Vianney Catholic Primary School | \(stjohnvianneys.co.uk\)](http://stjohnvianneys.co.uk)

- **Newsletters**

Expect to receive regular newsletters containing updates on school-wide news, awards, and important dates such as class assemblies and whole school, year group or class events. Additionally, our school app will remain a reliable channel for efficiently communicating essential information to you.