

# YEAR 1 AUTUMN 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2020

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"Happy together in God's family,  
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are as excited to get back into the school routine as we all are. Year 1 seem to have made some great memories over summer and are ready to get stuck into a new year. It has been lovely getting to know the children over this week and I am excited for the year ahead.

Year 1 will be supported in their learning this year by Mrs Charles and Mrs Georghiou, who will be in Year 1 on Wednesdays.

In English this half term, we will be studying Julia Donaldson books and looking at *The Snail and the Whale* in depth. Through these texts, we will be working towards writing character descriptions and a non-chronological report and a recount which will be linked to our local area walk. We will also complete a non-fiction topic where we will be exploring lots of different facts about caterpillars. We will be focusing on capital letters and full stops this half term as well as sentence structure. Phonics lessons will be carried out each day and we will continue to practise Reception spellings, moving onto Year 1 tricky words.

In maths this half term we will be looking at place value to 10 and addition and subtraction within 10. We will also have a short session each week working on our mental maths skills, focusing on recalling facts quickly.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers. [www.stmaryshorsforth.org](http://www.stmaryshorsforth.org). Knowledge organisers are for each subject and topic and have key facts that we will be learning, vocabulary and links to books your child may like to read.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,  
Miss Roberts



## Important Days

Reading books to be changed on **Wednesday**. Please return by **Monday**.

**Thursday**  
PE lesson (**come in PE kit**)

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
Individual school photos

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
Local area walk to Horsforth Park

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
Y1 and Y4 Class Mass at 11am via zoom

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
Harvest Festival at 2:15pm via zoom

Non uniform for Cafod £1

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parents Evening 4pm – 6:30pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parents Evening 4pm – 6:30pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
School Closes

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Training Day