

Year 1 Information Evening

September 2025

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Learning
Together in
God's Love

Curriculum Topics



- Autumn – Childhood
- Spring – Bright Lights, Big City
- Summer – School Days

Class Saints

Hummingbirds- St Christopher



Behaviour

We aim to achieve a respectful, secure and safe environment where everyone shows consideration, kindness and honesty towards each other.

We use a range of rewards to reinforce the core values of the school and expected behaviours. We acknowledge where children have shown and developed various aspects of our RESPECT code.

This can be in the form of:

- Verbal praise and feedback;
- Talk with parents/carers at the end of the day about positive behaviour and engagement with learning;
- Individual rewards e.g. stickers/postcards home;
- House points;
- Awarding certificates that promote the positive behaviour demonstrated.

We prioritise the explicit teaching of expected and unexpected behaviours and relate this back to our RESPECT code.

Behaviour

R

Respect everyone.

Know we are all God's children.

Keep hands and feet to ourselves.
Speak politely to everyone; show good manners through words and actions.

E

Encourage each other.

Follow Jesus' example – love one another.

Give praise.
Give genuine feedback to help other pupils' learning improve.

S

Speak truthfully.

Be ready to say sorry and show forgiveness.

We are honest.
We say/recognise what we have done and admit when we have done something wrong and apologise for this. We are honest about our choices.

P

Practise, persevere and make progress.

Make time to pray – knowing God is with us.

We try again and again to improve our skills.
We do not give up.
We use our purple polishing pens with pride.

E

Embrace mistakes.

Know we are loved by God.

We learn from our errors.
We look at mistakes as a way of moving our learning forward.

C

Consider our choices.

Christ at the centre.

We think before we act.
We know we always have a choice.
We can say "no".

T

Thrive together as a team.

Trust in God.

We work together.
We help each other and celebrate achievements of other children as well as our own.

Learning to Learn...

Pooh says...

I am
RESILIENT!



- I can become absorbed in my learning.
- I can recognise and manage distractions.
- I can create my ideal environment for learning.
- I know when I need to take time out to think.
- I am good at noticing things.
- I can use my previous learning.
- I don't give up when things get tricky.
- I can learn from my mistakes.
- I understand that sometimes learning can be a slow process.

Tigger says...

I am a
RISK TAKER!



- I know if I am wrong about something I can still learn from it.
- I can put forward my ideas even if they are not the same as other people's ideas.
- I think in creative ways and use it to further my learning.
- I know that my thinking might sometimes take me in a different direction.
- I can take risks in order to solve problems.
- I think about risks but I still have a go.

Eeyore says...

I am
REFLECTIVE!



- I can plan ahead.
- I can plan for the time and resources I will need.
- I can plan to overcome any obstacles I may meet.
- I can be flexible.
- I can make changes to my plans if necessary.
- I can think about my work as I go along.
- I can see new opportunities.
- I can think about what is important in my learning.
- I can be my own learning coach.
- I can recognize how I learn best.
- I can talk about how I learn.
- I can talk about my work when it is going well or when it is challenging.

Piglet says...

I am
RESOURCEFUL!



- I am good at asking questions.
- I am curious.
- I can think more deeply during learning.
- I can see connections between different events and experiences.
- I can use my imagination to ask 'What if ...?'
- I can work logically and systematically.
- I can give evidence to support my thinking.
- I can spot the strengths and weaknesses in information.
- I can use a wide range of resources appropriately.
- I can spot future opportunities.

Kanga says...

I have good
RELATIONSHIPS!



- I know when it is best to learn on my own or with others.
- I can share my ideas.
- I can listen to other people's ideas.
- I can contribute to and draw strength from a team.
- I can see someone else's point of view.
- I can imitate other people's good ideas and good behaviour.
- I can use my knowledge of another person to explain their actions and feelings.

Owl says...

I am
RESPECTFUL!



- I respect and recognise other people's view points.
- I respect other people's property.
- I respect school property.
- I respect school rules.
- I respect the similarities and differences between myself and others.
- I respect my culture and the culture and beliefs of others.

Catholic Social Teaching

Your child will learn how they can apply the Catholic Social Teaching Principles in their learning and across school life.



Everyone is special
Human Dignity



Thinking of everyone
The Common Good



Taking part
Participation



Everyone should have a say
Subsidiarity



Caring for God's gifts
Stewardship



Showing we care
Solidarity



Putting people most in need first
**Preferential Option
for the Poor**



Sharing fairly
Distributive Justice



Being peacemakers
Promoting peace

Behaviour

We support children in helping them to understand that all actions/choices have consequences, both positive and negative. We encourage children to consider their choices and take responsibility for the consequences of these choices. We support children to reflect on the impact of unexpected behaviours on their own and others' wellbeing.





We encourage children to focus their attention, to be 'active listeners' and to develop the capacity to make 'good choices' through noticing and praising positive behaviours.

In order to be able to challenge themselves and carry out tasks independently, children must be able to regulate their behaviour in the classroom.

We refer to the 'Zones of Regulation' to help pupils to think about their behaviour and how it impacts others.

Zones of Regulation

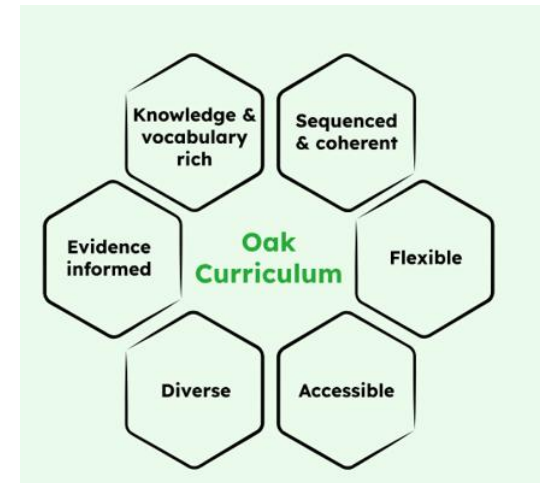
The **ZONES** of Regulation®

			
BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Mean Terrified Yelling/Hitting Out of Control

Maths

To support us with teaching the maths curriculum, we are moving over to using Oak Academy. This still follows the same mastery approach and therefore the lesson structure will be familiar to the children.

In addition, children in Year 1 to Year 5 will be taught the Mastering Number approach.



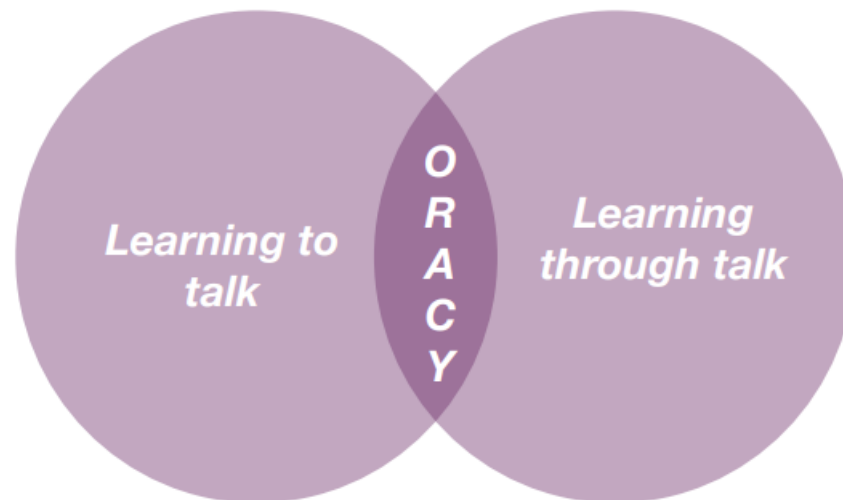
Oracy

DfE: 'The value of talk to children's mastery of language is as important for writing as it is for reading. Pupils should be taught how to engage in dialogue that enhances learning.'

Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language.

As we build a culture of oracy across the school, listen out for these specific terms from St Agatha's Oracy Framework: physical; linguistic; cognitive; and social and emotional.

Oracy is learning to talk and learning through talk. This is a school priority for this academic year to improve both spoken and written language.



Routines

- Appropriate clothing for the weather – warm coats, rain coats, jumpers are essential as windows and doors will be opened for ventilation and children will be going outside in all weathers.
- Water bottle (children can refill in classroom)
- Bookbag
- Lost property – green box

Uniform

- Full school uniform – Summer/Winter
- Black school shoes – no trainers (except on PE days)
- Long hair tied back. Hair accessories must be plain, small and school colours/black/brown.
- Small stud earrings allowed – do **not** wear on PE days. They should be taped over if newly pierced.
- Watches are allowed
- No other jewellery
- No nail varnish
- Suitable outdoor coat appropriate for the weather; we will still use the playground if it is raining (not torrential).
- Hats and sun cream

P.E.

In Winter – navy tracksuit bottoms, red school tracksuit top, white t-shirt and trainers (spare socks are useful).

In Summer - red shorts, white t-shirt and red school tracksuit top.

Outdoor PE: Thursday

Indoor PE: Friday

Home Learning

- An e-book will be provided once a week.
- Home learning will be placed onto Microsoft Teams each term.
- Handwriting
- Mathematics
- Topic Home Learning (optional)
- Summer term – Maths

Home Reading

- Children will read 3 times a week in school.
- An e-book will be allocated to your child. You will have received log in details to access this at home.
- Please listen to your child read their book and make a comment in their reading record.
- The reading record stays in school in the week and will be sent home on weekends for you to comment.
- **Please make sure it is in their bag on Mondays.**

School Library

- The class will go to the library once a week.
- They will be able to choose one book to take home.
- Please make sure they return the book the following week; otherwise, they will not be able to take another book out.
- Library day is **Tuesday**.

PSA and Class Reps

- All of the adults in our school community are automatically members of the PSA.
- The PSA do a fantastic job in supporting the children of St Agatha's. Please do volunteer your time and support where you can.
- Those able to take on the role of class rep are greatly appreciated. It is not a huge job!

Drop off and pick up...

- Children come straight into class when the bell is rung at 8.45am.
- Pick up is at 3:15pm- please wait on the main playground.
- Collections – please provide written permission to the school office or email the office, if another adult is going to collect your child.
- At the end of the day, children must tell their teacher who is there to collect them before they leave.

Key Dates

- **Parent / Teacher Consultations – school closes at 12pm**

Thursday 23rd October

Thursday 12th February

Thank you for joining us this evening!

