



The Diocese of Nottingham

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Year 1. We are delighted that the children have come back to school so enthusiastically and ready to learn. They are also looking really smart in their uniforms - please remember to put names into clothing and shoes.



Religious Education – we will continue to follow the ‘Come and See’ programme and this term we will be studying the three topics: *Families* (our Domestic Church Topic); *Belonging* (a Sacraments topic); and *Waiting* (the Advent & Christmas topic). We will also learn more about Judaism this term.



English and Our Book Based Curriculum – this term we have some really exciting books to explore and the children will be able to bring home a copy. Please make sure that your child brings the book to school each day so that we can use them in the lesson, and, of course, please make sure that the books are looked after.

We are starting with the traditional tale *Cinderella* and we will be learning more about how families show love and care for each other through this. In science we will learn about the everyday materials, seasonal changes and living things (including animals and humans), and in Geography we will find out more about where our families come from.

We will then begin to explore poetry and drama through the books *Stone Soup* and look at autumn poetry which will enable the children to learn all about harvest time.

As Christmas approaches, we will be looking at the Christmas Story in the Bible. In music we will develop our musical skills through listening to and appraising different types of music, beats and rhythms.



Maths – the children will continue to learn new concepts in arithmetic, geometry, data handling and problem solving through Maths Makes Sense. Please remember to encourage your child to practise their number bonds to 20.



PE: Please ensure children have their **PE kit** in school **at all times**. The usual day for PE is Monday. However, this will change from time to time, particularly due to the weather. Please refer to the Home / School diary to ensure children have the correct kit and please remember to write in your child's name.



Homework will be sent home at the start of each term and will be a project based on their topic they are doing in school. They will also receive a phonics book that will help them practice their sounds at home as well as their times tables. This will be sent out on a Friday.

Please remember to make use of the Home/School diary if you have any comments, queries or concerns. Please let your child know if there is a note in the diary so that it can be handed to the teacher in the morning.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Padian and Mrs Bird