



St Charles RC Primary School



Year 1 Newsletter
Summer 2024

Jambo Year 1!

Our favourite term is here! It's all about **Africa** this half term, then we will learn about **Seaside Holidays**! We are looking forward to our African Day on 8th May (prepare your brightly coloured African style clothes) and our virtual live safari experience with Knowsley Safari Park!

We have already started travelling around the world with our new story book, *Snail Mail*.



In this book we found amazing post cards from different continents... but not from Africa. So we are going to make our own post cards and send them to Sam the Snail!



Family research project: Choose your favourite African country and find out information about it – what is the national flag, the capital, how do you say hello in the local language, what is it famous for, what can you see and do if you visited? Create a presentation – a poster, 3-D model, a slide show or a video. Bring your presentation to school by 8th May, when we are having our African Day.

This term (early June) we are going to have our **Phonics Screening Test**. The children will sit it individually, in a calm, friendly room in school. The test format is easy going and fun; the children are familiar with it as we have been doing a practice one every week, and sending them home. Everyone has been working hard to raise their scores in word reading and we are proud with the progress they have made. Keep practising at home, as often as you can – we still have a few more weeks to go!

A few reminders

Please remember to **LABEL** all items that come to school with your child's name.

PE: lessons take place on **Thursday** afternoon. **WEAR PE outfit to school:** a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps or black trainers. Please note no other colours are acceptable.

Library: On **Monday** we visit our school library and your child will bring a book home – read it together and return by the following Monday so your child can borrow a new book. If you cannot find the library book, please send a note to school to confirm so.

Reading folders need to come to school EVERY DAY.

Homework books (Grammar Book and Maths Book) go home on Friday, with pages indicated inside. Please only complete the page indicated. Homework should be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Outdoor learning: Children **DO NOT WEAR** Forest School clothes to school; they come in a bag and we get changed in school. Forest school/outdoor learning clothing and a pair of wellies should be kept in school and will be sent home for cleaning/drying, if needed.

Curriculum



RE Focus: *To the End of the Earth.* We will be talking about the events after Jesus' resurrection – The Road to Emmaus, The Ascension, Pentecost. Our Class prayer service (1st May) will be dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our last class assembly for this school year (13th June) will be about Father's Day.

Phonics: We continue with our daily Super Sonic Phonics Friends sessions. The Phonics Screening Test will take place in early June 2024. Practise reading the words at home – can you beat your own score?

Reading: All children enjoy reading for pleasure and they have made good progress through our reading scheme. Please listen to your child read at home as often as possible and record the pages in the reading diary. This term we will focus on comprehension – asking and answering questions about the story we are reading.

Writing: Our sentence writing has improved so much since the start of the year! We are now focusing on extending our sentences and adding adjectives and conjunctions to make them longer and more interesting. Remember to start with a capital letter and end with a full stop. We are also working on cursive handwriting.

Maths: This term we will be focusing on Measuring Length and Height, Measuring Mass and Weight, Multiplication and Division (introduction), Fractions (introduction), and Place Value to 100. We will also cover Position and Direction, Money and Telling Time.

Topic: In the Summer Term, our Year 1 topics are **Why Go on Safari (Africa)** – geography focus, and **What Were the Seaside Holidays in the Past?** - history focus.

Science: In the Summer term, we will be learning about animals, including humans. We will also explore sustainability topics – **Growing and Cooking** and **Caring for the Planet**.

Computing: We have been discussing On-line Safety; this term our we are talking about using passwords and sharing information. We will also be learning how to type and change text using the keyboard. If you have facilities at home, please help your child improve those skills.

Volunteers: If you are available to help in school – listen to readers, or help with arts and crafts activities, please contact the office, or myself. Any help is highly appreciated!

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation.

Mrs Leckey and Ms Kennedy

Summer diary dates

April	May	June	July
<p>APRIL IS THE MONTH OF EASTER</p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 8th Children return to school Weds 10th Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 11th Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Tues 16th 9.05am Marie Basting – Author visit whole school assembly Weds 17th Reception Heights and Weights check Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 18th Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Y5 Bikeability Weds 24th Whole School Laudato Si Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 25th Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p>	<p>MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Weds 1st Y1 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 2nd CLOSED FOR VOTING</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Mon 6th Bank Holiday – school closed Weds 8th Whole School Our Lady Prayer service (9.05am in school - All welcome) Thurs 9th Whole School Ascension Mass (9.30am in church - All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> SATs Week Fri 17th Cornerstone charity cake sale and raffle after assembly Y6 Lledr Hall</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> EARTH WEEK Weds 22nd Whole School Manchester Memorial Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome) Thurs 23rd EYFS Crowning of Our Lady (9.05am in school - All welcome)</p> <p>WHIT HOLIDAYS 24th MAY – 10th JUN</p>	<p>JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART</p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Y1 PHONICS SCREENING Y4 TIMES TABLES TEST Weds 12th Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 13th Y1 Father’s Day Assembly (All welcome) Fri 14th Dads and Donuts Assembly</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 19th Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 20th Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 26th Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 27th Y2 Class Assembly (All welcome) Fri 28th Reports out</p>	<p>JULY IS THE MONTH OF CELEBRATING SUCCESS!</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> SPORTS WEEK Mon 1st Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms Thurs 4th Sports day (All welcome) EYFS & KS1 9.15am KS2 1.30pm Fri 5th Mary’s Meals charity cake sale and raffle after assembly</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Mon 8th Transition morning Tues 9th Y6 Show 2pm (children only) Weds 10th Y6 Show 6pm Thurs 11th Y6 Show 6pm Fri 12th Y6 Takeover Day</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> Mon 15th Presentation Assembly (9.05am – All welcome) Weds 17th Y6 Leavers Mass (9.15am in church – All welcome) Thurs 18th Leavers Assembly (9.05am – All welcome) Fri 19th Non-uniform day/Toy Day FINISH at 1.30pm SUMMER HOLIDAYS 19th JUL – 3rd SEPT</p>

Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>