Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32

Year One Autumn Term 2 2026

Teachers: Miss Bassett & Miss Smith

This term, our children will become Weather Detectives and Plant Explorers! Through exciting investigations, hands-on activities and outdoor learning, they will discover more about the world around them. In geography, children will explore the question, "What is the weather like in the UK?" They will investigate different types of weather, including sunshine, rain, wind and snow, and discover how weather changes throughout the seasons. They will learn to name and locate the four countries of the United Kingdom, use simple compass directions to describe locations, and recognise weather forecast symbols. Our young geographers will also observe and record daily weather conditions, create their own weather reports and explore how weather influences the clothes we wear and the activities we enjoy. In science, our budding scientists will explore the wonderful world of plants! They will identify common garden and wild plants, learn to recognise deciduous and evergreen trees, and name the basic parts of plants, including roots, stems, leaves and flowers. Through practical investigations and outdoor observations, children will discover what plants need to grow and stay healthy, including water and light. They will develop their scientific skills by asking questions, making predictions, observing changes over time, comparing plants and recording their findings. Throughout the term, children will be encouraged to explore, investigate and share their discoveries, developing their curiosity and understanding of the natural world. We look forward to a term full of exciting discoveries, outdoor adventures and wonderful learning opportunities as our young geographers and scientists investigate the world around them!

Get ready for a term full of discovery, exploration and weather-watching adventures!

Who knows what our Weather Detectives will discover next?





Books we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading

This term, we will be delving deep into Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin, exploring the characters, setting and events to inspire our own writing. The children will develop their writing skills by creating sentences based on traditional tales and writing their own exciting set of instructions on how to catch a witch!

We will also be exploring the beautiful book Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go by Patricia Hegarty, discovering how trees and the natural world change throughout the seasons while making links to our learning about UK weather and plant growth.

Reading at home

We encourage the children to read **at least five times a week (This does not have to be the whole book every time)** and discuss what they have readwith an adult. A reading record must be completed and signed by an adult.

Maths homework will be set via mymaths which is online, details have been sent home in the paper homework book.

Spellings will be shown on the school website. These will be tested in school on a Friday.

Homework and reading records are checked at least three times a week.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 27th October – Whole school photographs
Week Beg 16th November - Anti Bullying week ('Break the Silence') and Road Safety week ('safe people on the move')
Thursday 19th November – Parents/Carers maths session 8:45am – 9:05am
Thursday 26th November – Christmas Fair 2:30pm – 4pm
Friday 11th December- Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast 1:45pm Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 15th December- Church service at St Simon and St Jude years 1-6

PE:

P.E. will take place twice a week: **Wednesday (Y1KB), Friday (Y1KB), Monday (Y1MS) and Thursday (Y1 MS).** Please make sure children come to school in their full P.E. kit on these days. Their kit should include:

- Outdoor kit: joggers, sweatshirt, and trainers
- Indoor kit: shorts, T-shirt, and plimsolls

Health & Safety Reminder:

- No jewellery should be worn during P.E. lessons.
- If earrings cannot be removed, they must be taped over (children should bring their own tape).
- Long hair must be tied up.

Keep looking at our page on the website for information and activities.

https://www.townlandsprimary.org/year-1/

If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to talk to us. This can this be done through a telephone call or an e-mail to the office to request an appointment.

Finally keep an eye on Townlands Facebook posts for latest updates and successes.

Water:

The children need to continue to bring to school fresh **water** (not juice) each day in a labelled bottle. Itis important they do this because they do get thirsty throughout the day. We thank you for your cooperation with this.