

"Learning and Growing with God by Our side"

Welcome to Year 1!

**Miss. Hughes
(Teacher)**

**Mrs. Ashcroft
(TA)**





Welcome to the Foundation Phase!

The Foundation Phase is a skills based curriculum and will encourage your children to become independent learners.

The Foundation Phase is based on the following principles:-

- Building on what our children know and can do;
- Ensuring that no child is excluded or disadvantaged;
- Offering a structure for learning that has a range of starting points;
- Having a content which matches individual needs;
- Having activities that provide opportunities for learning both indoors and outdoors;
- Providing a rich and stimulating environment.

The Foundation Phase contributes to children's understanding of the cultural identity unique to Wales (*Curriculum Cymreig*). As a Church school, we follow the content of the agreed Syllabus.

Seven 'Areas of Learning' have been identified in the curriculum for 3-7 year olds to support the development of children and their skills:

- Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity (including Religious Education);
- Language, Literacy and Communication Skills;
- Mathematical Development;
- Welsh Language Development;
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World (formerly known as Science, Geography and History);
- Physical Development;
- Creative Development.

We hope you and your child will enjoy and benefit from the Foundation Phase. If you have any questions or concerns about the curriculum, please don't hesitate to ask.



Information for parents

- Head teacher: Mrs. N. Booth
- Your child's teacher: Miss Hughes
- Collection: Please collect your child at the classroom door at 3pm.

Child Protection

The All Wales Child Protection Procedures make it clear that Schools have an important role to play in the protection of children against abuse/neglect. This is confirmed by the Local Authority Child Protection Procedures, in conjunction with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, which sets the necessary action to be carried out by staff.

St. Mary's School therefore has a duty to refer any concerns about the well-being of a pupil to the Safeguarding and Support Department for further advice.



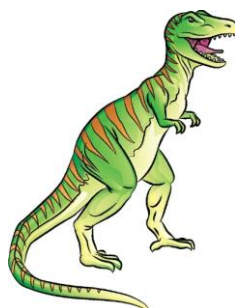
Termly Topic Timetable



For your information: During the year we will be covering the following topics.

- **Autumn Term:** Hot Places / Cold Places / Christmas
- **Spring Term:** Under the Sea / Traditional Tales
- **Summer Term:** Dinosaurs / The Seaside

During the course of the year your child may be asked to bring things into school related to the topic. Please so not send anything of value.



Homework

Book bags will be sent home daily.

It will contain:

- **A book** to read with your parents / guardians. Please could all adults make a comment in the reading diary, as this helps when selecting the next book.
- **Occasionally a worksheet** which will contain literacy work that will have been covered in class.
 - **Occasionally a numeracy activity** set on Abacus.

Homework Bags must be returned daily for letters to be put in etc.
Please note that reading books which are not returned or are very badly damaged will be charged for at £5 per book.

Please work with your child on a daily basis to complete the homework, 10 to 15 minutes at a time is long enough.

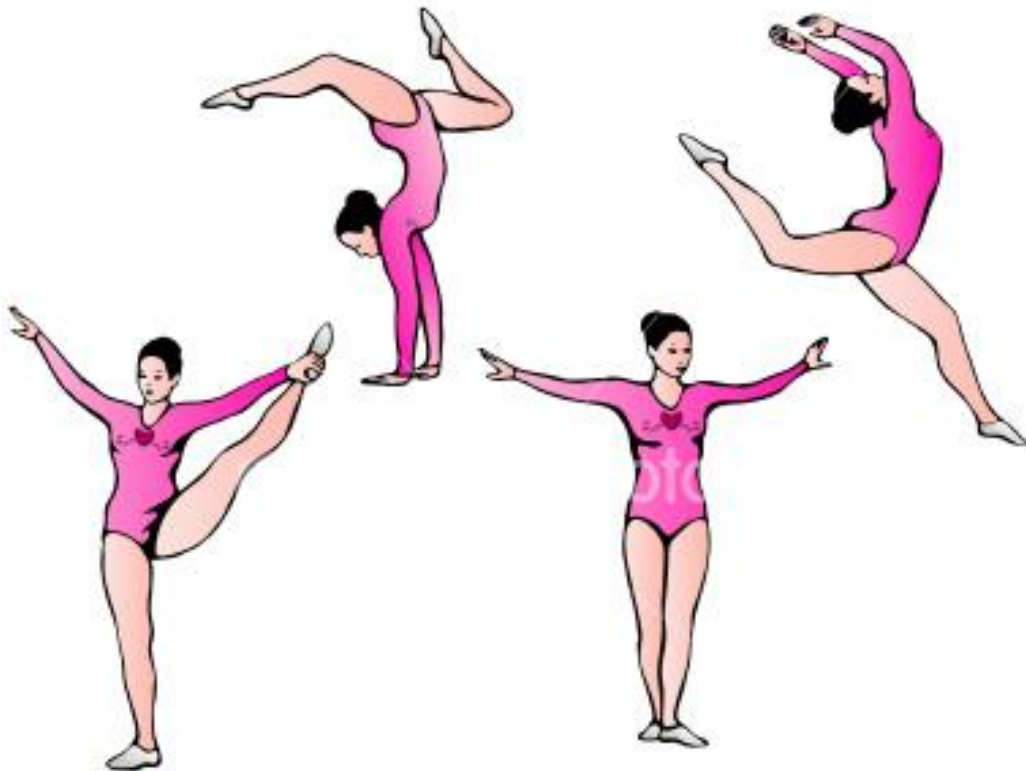


P.E. Lessons

Your child will need to bring the following P.E. kit in a **named draw string bag that is personal to them**. This enables them to easily identify it. Please **do not** use plastic bags.

- **White** T-shirt
- **White** shorts
- **Slip on pumps**

Please ensure that **all** items of clothing have your child's name on them as it is very difficult to locate missing items of clothing if they are not named.



Food in School

St Mary's is a "Healthy School", and we try to promote healthy eating and a balanced diet.

Dinners are provided by the school canteen or you may bring your own packed lunch. Please bring all dinner money in on a **Monday morning** in a **marked envelope** (name of child and the amount). Please do not send money loose as it could get lost or mixed up. If your child is only having dinners on one day of the week, monies must still be sent on a **Monday**.

Please send in a healthy snack for morning break (No crisps or chocolate please). Please label your child's snack.

Water is always available in school for your child to drink. Children will receive a water bottle from school at a cost of **£1.50** for the school year. Please send water bottle money in during the first week.



Absence Notification

We like all our children to be wide awake and well for school. If your child is unwell please keep them at home and telephone the school on the first morning of absence. If we do not receive notification, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

