

Our vision is to *inspire* and *grow* a
compassionate community of excellence.

A happy place for our children to shine for God,
for each other, and for themselves.

Welcome to Reception and Year 1! We have got some wonderful things planned for you this year. To start the Autumn term, there will be a whole school 'Bugs' topic. We will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, we will go on a bug hunt around the school grounds and to conclude, there will be a fantastic bug parade around the village. In Science, the Year 1 topic is 'Animals including Humans'. You will learn about staying healthy and how we change as we grow. Reception children will be making observations of animals in their environment.

After half term, Year 1 will go on to learn about Florence Nightingale. We will think about the role of nurses in the past and how nursing has changed through the years. We will use our knowledge and English skills to make a comparison between the roles. Reception children will be learning about all of the people who help us in our community.

The lead up to Christmas will be a very busy time and we have lots of exciting things planned. We will learn about Jesus' birth and practice and perform our school Nativity production. A visit to the pantomime for Year 1 and an extra special surprise for Reception, 'tops off' this term brilliantly.

The Spring term topic will be all about China. We will locate China on a map of the world and we will learn all about their traditions and celebrations including Chinese New Year. We will increase our depth of understanding by using our enquiry skills for research. Our Science topic will be 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will talk about lots of different animals and where they live. We may even get a surprise visitor! During the lead up to Easter we will be flipping pancakes and searching for Easter eggs around the school grounds!

For your last term, we aim to make as many great memories as we can. Reception will be going on a special trip and Year 1's will visit New Brighton to explore the seaside and collect some artefacts to bring back to school. We will think about how the seaside has changed and developed over time. We will use the skills that we have learnt in Maths to measure the things that we will collect and to help us calculate different ways of paying in the souvenir shop. We will even have time to buy a stick of rock!