Autumn 2 Newsletter
Bluebell Class

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

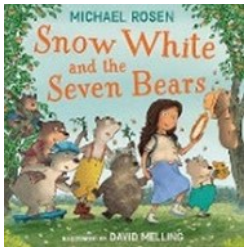
YEAR ONE • HALF TERM 2 • 2026–2027

We hope you have all enjoyed a lovely half-term break. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back and enjoying another busy and exciting half term together, with lots of learning and Christmas celebrations to look forward to!

ENGLISH / PHONICS

In phonics, we will continue Phase 5, learning new sounds and alternative spellings, such as the 'igh' sound in *pie, line* and *spy*. We will also practise reading and spelling tricky words.

In English, we will explore *Snow White and the Seven Bears* through discussion, drama and writing our own stories. We will focus on capital letters, full stops and joining ideas with 'and'. Festive books, including *Stick Man* and *What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas*, will inspire our Christmas writing..



MATHS

2D and 3D shapes

The children will be describing 2D and 3D shapes, looking closely at differences and similarities between the shapes and finishing patterns and sequences with the shapes.

Addition and subtraction

The children will be using a range of different ways to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

RE

In our RE this half term we will be thinking all about 'Prophecy and Promise'. We will begin to unit by thinking about the bible as a special book. We will be looking at different Bibles and comparing what is the same and different. We will then move onto learning about the annunciation and how this links to the words of the Hail Mary. We will then move on to how the Christmas story shows us how God shows his love for us by sending us His son Jesus.

GEOGRAPHY— Year 1 will explore our school and the local area. The children will look at aerial photographs, identify familiar places and create simple maps of the classroom and school grounds. They will also learn about human and physical features of Ilkley, including the River Wharfe, Ilkley Moor, roads and buildings.

PE—PE day this half term will be on a **Monday and a Wednesday** so we ask that the children come into school dressed in their PE kits on those days

SCIENCE - Year 1 will explore and compare different animals, learning about their features, what they eat and how their young grow.into adults.

REMINDERS

Reading: Please read with your child every day and comment in their reading record. Books will be changed twice a week.

Wellies & Weather: Please bring in a spare pair of wellies for your child's welly box. As the weather gets colder, please remember to send your child with a coat and hat. We go outside in all weathers!

KEY DATES—more details to follow.

- Open Morning—Saturday 7th November—All welcome
- Parents Evening— Wednesday 18th November and Wednesday 25th November—3.30pm—6pm
- Toy Museum Visit— Thursday 26th November
- Mr Gibson's Sports Assembly— Friday 27th November—2:45—3:25pm
- Whole School Mass—Tuesday 1st December—9:30am—All welcome
- Bluebell and Wharfe's Nativity—Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th December—2:pm—3:15pm
- Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 10th December
- Bluebell class assembly—Thursday 28th January—2:45—3:15pm

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to us. We are looking forward to a wonderful half term with the children!

Mrs Fisher and Mrs Gilhooly