



## ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

### Important dates:

27<sup>th</sup> February – RY Parents evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm

28<sup>th</sup> February – RG & RY Parents evening 3:30pm-7:30pm

28<sup>th</sup> February – Judaism workshop in school

4<sup>th</sup> March – Whole school pilgrimage to church

5<sup>th</sup> March – Firemen coming to visit

6<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day tea party @ 2pm

6<sup>th</sup> March – RG Parents evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm

7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

19<sup>th</sup> March – Reconciliation service

20<sup>th</sup> March – Trip to the Gruffalo Trail

### How to help at home:

Continue to encourage your child to read at home and visit the library if you can! Please also read to your child at home, encouraging them to choose different books and genres. When reading with your child encourage conversation about the book: what did they like? What might happen next? Etc.

Since starting school the children have been working on developing their independence. Please continue to encourage your child to be as independent as possible with dressing, toileting, using a knife and fork and getting their bag ready for school (with their water bottle, sound rings etc)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed your half term break!

We are looking ahead to another busy half term. Here is some information about what your child will be learning over the next few weeks along with some other useful information.

If you could please send in a box of tissues for your child's class that would be greatly appreciated.

# Reception Spring 2

In RE this half term...

Our topic is 'Desert to Garden' and we will be learning about:

- Key events of Holy Week
- The great commandment (Lk 10:23-28)
- Religious symbols in Lent and Easter
- How various cultures celebrate Lent and Easter in different ways.

**Key vocabulary:** cross, Jerusalem, grow, Easter, Ash Wednesday, suffer, Lent, Resurrection, desert, palm leaves

Useful websites:

Topmarks:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?AgeGroup=1>

ICT Games:

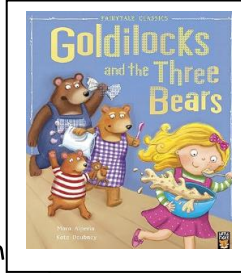
<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html>

Oxford Owl E-Book Library:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

### In Literacy...

We will be reading traditional tales (Goldilocks, The Three Little Pigs, Gingerbread Man) and retelling them. We will be encouraging the children to use their knowledge of sounds to spell words and to use red words in their writing. We will begin to encourage children to write simple sentences and remind them to use full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. The children will begin to write short sentences, rehearsing out loud what they want to write and composing sentences. The children will continue to work on their handwriting and pencil grip.



### In Physical Development...

During our indoor PE lessons, we will continue to use the climbing equipment to work on balance and movement.

We will continue to focus on fine motor skills through activities such as threading, cutting and manipulating dough.

### In RHE...

Children will be learning about:

- Personal relationships
- Keeping safe
- Using the internet safely

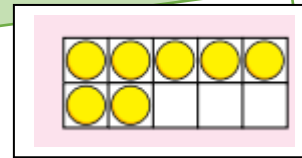
### In Expressive Arts & Design...

We will help to nurture the children's imagination and creativity whilst teaching them to use media and materials. The children will be given opportunities to explore with colours and textures and design. They will be experimenting with colour mixing and creating seasonal crafts for Easter. The children will be using role play to retell various traditional tales.

### In Mathematics...

We will be:

- Finding different representations of 6, 7 and 8
- Finding 1 more and 1 less of a number
- Doubling (to 8)
- Exploring length, height and time
- Number bonds to 10
- Even and odd numbers



### In Music...

We will be looking at Traditional Tales Range of songs as well as instrumental and movement activities.

### In Communication and Language...

The children will continue to participate in small group, class and one to one discussions. We will encourage the children to express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses.

### In Personal, Social & Emotional Development..

We will continue to encourage the children to be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance. We will also continue to help the children work and play cooperatively with others and form positive attachments.

### In Understanding the World...

We will continue to look at seasonal changes and focus on changes that occur from Winter to Spring. We will be learning about festivals that happen at this time of the year, such as Chinese New Year and Holi Festival. We will also be learning about St Patrick's Day. Through our Traditional Tales topic, we will look at different cultures and how people around the world live.