



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates

20th February – 1Y to visit St Monica's Church
21st February – 1G to visit St Monica's Church
21st February – Little Angel Show in school
21st February – KS1 & Year 3 Maths Evening
28th February – Parents evening 3.30pm- 7.30pm
29th February – Judaism workshop in school
4th March – Whole school pilgrimage to church
6th March – Parents evening 3:30pm-5:30pm
7th March – World Book Day
28th March – 1Y Class assembly

How to help at home

Sometimes your child might bring home a picture book that they know well. Please don't say, 'This is too easy.' Instead, encourage your child to tell you the story out loud; ask them questions about things that happen or what they think about some of the characters in the story.

We know parents and carers are very busy people. But if you can find time to read to your child as much as possible, it helps him or her to learn about books and stories. They also learn new words and what they mean. Show that you are interested in reading yourself and talk about reading as a family.

Playing turn taking games at home are a great way to teach your child to wait their turn and share. Also, that you don't always need to win!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable 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.

Thanks also to those of you who have generously sent children in with kitchen towel and tissues – we greatly value these contributions!

Year 1
Spring 2

In RE this half term...

Our topic is 'From Lent to Easter'. We prepare for the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Beginning with Lent, pupils will hear about the widow who give all she has to the temple. 'All she has', is not much: two small coins worth about a penny – but in praising her Jesus notes that she gives from her poverty, not her abundance. Her gift then is extravagant and provides an opportunity for us to think about 'giving which costs', especially during Lent.

Key terminology:

Passion, Passover, Lent, Ashes, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday,

Useful websites

BBC Bitesize KS1

[KS1 - England - BBC Bitesize](#)

Learning to type

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr#zn9s3qt>

Maths online games

[ictgames](#) | [html5 Home Page](#)

In English...

The children have now been set into Phonic groups based on a thorough assessment. They will be reading in class and using the books for writing. Books will be sent home when they finish in class as a 'show off' opportunity alongside an unseen book of the same level. Children will be reassessed as we go along to ensure they are in the correct group throughout the year.



In History...

The children will be looking at an event beyond living memory. The Great Fire of London



In Maths...

We will be learning about:

- Place value (within 50)
- Length and height
- Mass and volume

Help your child to sound out the letters in words and then to 'push' the sounds together to make a whole word. Try not to refer to the letters by their names. Help your child to focus on the sounds. You can hear how to say the sounds correctly at this link: <https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/#lg=1&slide=2>

Art...

Sculpture and 3D

The children will be creating simple 3D shapes and structures using familiar materials. Develop skills in manipulating paper and card.

In Science...

We are looking at Plants. We will be

- Identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.
- Identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.



In Music...

We will be looking at the topic "Interesting sounds."



PE – **Please note change of days this term.**

1G are Monday and Friday.

1Y are Monday and Tuesday.

PE this half term will be

- Indoor – Gymnastics: taking weight on different parts
- Indoor – Dance: exploring gesture and formation

In RHE...

Children will be learning about:

- Simple First Aid and when to call 999
- The Holy Trinity
- The Good Samaritan

In ICT...

We are celebrating.

The children will be creating a card digitally.