



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates:

Tuesday 27th February: Parents' Evening in school until 5.30pm

Wednesday 28th February: Parents' Evening in school until 7.30pm

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Wednesday 27th March 9.15am: Junior Passion Service – Year 4 Parents invited

How can you help at home?

It is essential that the children learn their times tables daily as they will be completing the statutory Multiplication Tables Check this year. The children are required to recall, with speed, all of their times tables from 2-12. You can help at home by ensuring the children are accessing Times Tables Rock Stars daily. You could also display any repeated errors they are making on your fridge so improvements can be made. The children need to know the related division facts of these times tables. E.g. $7 \times 6 = 42$, $42 \div 7 = 6$.

Please listen to your child read every day for ten minutes. Discuss the book with them, the meaning of tricky words and, characters and settings.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term break.

If you have not already done so, please replenish your child's pencil case with equipment they might need. Many of the children are particularly short of blue biro's, glue sticks and their own whiteboard pens.

We would also be grateful if you could send in tissues and kitchen roll. Thank you in advance.

Year 4
Spring 2

In RE this half term...

Our topic is 'From Lent to Easter' and our focus questions are:

- What is Lent?
- What does the Gospel of Mark say happened?
- Would you speak up for your faith?

Key vocabulary: Lent, almsgiving, fasting, prayer, sin, Corporal Works of Mercy, Triduum, The Last Supper, Passover, The Eucharist, crucified, resurrection

Useful websites:

Maths

- <https://trockstars.com/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

Geography

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zttbcmn/articles/zr2pn9q#zsstp4j>

In English...

We will be reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. This is a children's picture book about rainforest conservation.

We will be:

- learning about the different layers of the rainforest
- writing a non-chronological report
- writing a balanced argument that explains reasons for and against cutting down the rainforest



In history...

Our topic is 'Christianity in three empires: Roman, Byzantine and Aksumite'.

We will learn about:

- the rule of Emperor Constantine and how he declared Christianity as the official religion of Rome
- the formation of the Byzantine Empire
- Christian traditions formed by the Aksum Empire

In geography...

Our topic is called 'Tourism'. We will be learning about:

- seaside towns and how they attract tourists
- the different types of tourism
- mountain tourism
- why holidays have become more popular
- holidays in the sun
- sustainable tourism

In PE...

Our topics are called:

- Invasion games: keeping possession of the ball
- Dance: Retelling a story (The Willow Plate)

In RHE...

Children will be learning about the wider Church and its mission to reflect the Holy Trinity through love for others.

In maths...

We are continuing with multiplication and division learning. Then, we will move on to length and perimeter. The children will learn:

- to measure in kilometres and metre

Complete the models.



- to measure perimeter on a squared grid
- to measure the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and polygons

In Music...

We will be looking at a class orchestra

In French

We will be looking at the family.

In art...

The children will be developing their skills in colour mixing - focusing on using tints and shades to create a 3D effect. We will be experimenting with composition and applying painting techniques to create a still life piece.

In computing...

The children will be learning how to create a blog. They will be learning about safe searching, copyright and what is needed to make the blog informative.