



## ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

### Important dates

**6G Class Assembly – 29<sup>th</sup> February**

**6Y Class Assembly – 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Hilltop – 11<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March**

### How to help at home

Continue to encourage your child to read at home, both books from school and books, magazines, and news of their choice. Engage your child in conversation about what they are reading and their thoughts on the text. One of the things we do in Year 6 is to ask the children to use point, evidence, explanation verbally to ensure they can evidence their points and then explain them clearly and coherently.

A trip to Ikea can be an engaging way to develop your child's understanding of formula, measure, volume and geometry when buying furniture.

### 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.

Thanks also to those of you for your continued cooperation as we build up to Easter.

### In RE this half term...

Our topic is From Lent to Easter. The children will be learning about Lent, and the things that Christians do during this time. We will look at the key dates during this time in our Liturgical Calendar. They will also be thinking about the Christian beliefs about life after death. We will also be learning about the Jewish faith on our Judaism week, the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February. The children will be taking part in a workshop on Jewish New year and the Day of Atonement.

### Useful websites

We have completed 2016, 2017 and 2018 papers in school so you can look over these at home with your children. Please do not look at any other papers at home, as we will be using these in school.

<https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks2-sats-papers/>

BBC Bitesize is a great tool for revision

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

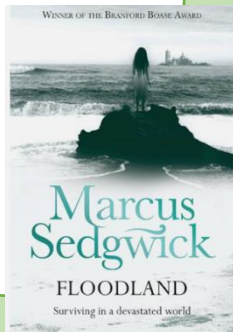
**Year 6**  
**Spring 1**

### In English...

Our class book is **'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick**. It is a novel about a dystopia where England has been flooded and Norwich is an Island. The protagonist, Zoe has been left behind and survives there as best she can while scavengers and hood-looms parole the new horizon...

We will be:

- Writing formal and informal letters
- Writing in role as character
- Reading aloud to an audience



### In History...

Building on from our previous learning, the children will be learning about Norse Culture. You might like to watch this clip for a brief introduction to the topic here...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z939mp3/articles/zvmjwty>

### In Design and Technology...

This half term, the children will be taking part in some cookery classes. They will be learning easy ways to cook healthy snacks at home.

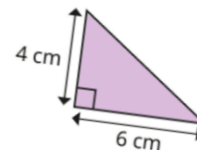
### In Maths...

We will be learning about:

- Decimals
- Measurement: Perimeter
- Area
- Volume
- Statistics

An example of calculating volume:

Scott uses the formula to work out the area of this right-angled triangle.



$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{perpendicular height}$$
$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 4 = \frac{1}{2} \times 24 = 12 \text{ cm}^2$$

### In Science...

We will be moving onto our new topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance'. They will be learning about variation, adaptations and how we can learn about evolution from fossils. We will look at some key figures in evolution and do some STEM activities on DNA.

### French...

In French this half term, we will be looking at the topic "At the weekend"

### In Geography...

The children will be learning about the geological features of both North and South America; Comparing the two continents and learning about the vibrant cultures in each.

### Music...

In Music this half term, we will be looking at the topic "Performing Together."

### PE...

This half term, the children will be taking part in outdoor and adventurous activities and building on their knowledge of gymnastics.

### In RHE...

Children will continue to learn about:

- Religious understanding
- Personal relationships
- Keeping safe

### In ICT...

The children will be developing their skills to use social media safely in our 'We are connected' topic. They will consider the reliability of online sources, show respect when responding to other people's views online and discuss online bullying and how they should respond to it.