



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates:

22nd April – Earth Day

15th May – Feast of St John Baptiste de la salle

21st May – Maths Day

24th May – Break up for half term

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 Easter 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 Summer 1

In RE this half term...

Our topic is 'To the ends of the Earth' and the children will be learning about:

- The Story of Pentecost
- The Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- That Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church.

Key vocabulary:

Community, Holy Spirit, Local church-parish family, friends, friendship, Pentecost, Sign of the cross

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...

Our core reading texts will be Errol's Garden and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We will be looking closely at the illustrations and words in the book and using them for discussions and creative writing. 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 continue to encourage children to write simple sentences and remind them to use full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. The children will 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 also practise our rolling and balancing skills.

During our outdoor continuous provision, we will work on our hand and eye coordination through games that include throwing, catching and kicking.

In RHE...

Children will be learning about:

- Their relationship with the wider world
- Developing healthy relationships
- Using the internet safely

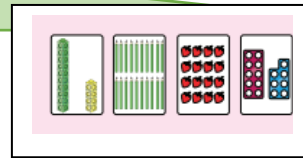
In Expressive Arts & Design...

We will be working on observational drawings and paintings linked to our growing theme. We will also be exploring paint and painting techniques through nature, music and collaborative work. We will look at the artists Beth Cavener and Julie Wilson. The children will use their imagination to retell and act out stories such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

In Mathematics...

We will be:

- Building numbers beyond 10
- Counting patterns beyond 10
- Looking closely at 2D and 3D shapes
- Working on adding more and taking away



In Music...

The children will be learning songs relating to their 'Growth' topic and using instruments and movements to accompany these.

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. We will be encouraging the children to ask questions (how and why) and answer them and to describe some events in detail.

In Personal, Social & Emotional Development..

We will be encouraging the children to discuss their preferences to activities. We will be working on the children showing sensitivity towards others. Through role play and class discussions we will develop the children's confidence to talk openly in front of others.

In Understanding the World...

We will continue to look at seasonal changes and focus on changes that occur in Spring to Summer. Spring is an exciting time of year with visible environmental changes that can help develop children's contextual understanding. The children will learn about living things and the importance of showing care and consideration for them and the environment. We will look at special events at this time of the year such as St George's Day and Earth Day.