



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates

21st April - Whole School Mass

1st May – 8:50am Rosary prayed daily during May

6th May – school closed for May Day

24th May – Cultural Diversity Day

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 3 is to ask the children to justify their ideas. This could be asking how they know what is happening. Having conversations like this with your child would be very helpful developing these skills!

Cooking and other home activities that involves measuring are all good opportunities to develop maths skills! This term we are looking at weights and capacity.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed your half term break and would like to take this opportunity to we!

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 3
Spring 2

In RE this half term...

Our topic is 'To the Ends of the Earth' and we will be learning about:

- The 'Trinity'
- The arrival of the Holy Spirit
- The Early Church
- The structure of the mass.

Key vocabulary: Ascension, Pentecost, Shavu'ot, disciples, Holy Spirit, Baptism, sacrament, Sign of the Cross, Welcoming, Initiation, Body of Christ

Useful websites

BBC Bitesize KS2 – Year 3

[Primary resources, homework help and online games - BBC Bitesize](#)

Learning to type

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

Maths frame

<https://mathsframe.co.uk>

In English...

Our class book is 'Mam Miti' by Donna Jo Napoli. It is a picture book about how the world is changed one tree at a time. It is set in Kenya.

We will be:

- Writing leaflets
- Making persuasive speeches
- Learn about climate change

The children will research information, understand some of the climate challenges and use these to persuade others



Please note – this story is inspired by the life of 2004 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Wangari Maathai.

In History...

The children will be learning Ancient Greece. You might like to watch this clip for a brief introduction to the topic here...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bfkp1QMhg-E>

or this site for extra information
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/year/zmyxxyc>



In Maths...

We will be:

- Measuring and comparing mass and capacity
- Extending fraction knowledge
- Money – pounds and pence

In Music...

This term the children will be looking at the topic "Descriptive/Programme music"

In French...

The children will be moving on to learning the fruits and vegetables.

Art

In Art this half term we are 'growing artists'.

The children will be learning to use shapes and shading to produce still life images.

In Science...

We will be studying our 'Forces and magnets' topic and

- Learning about magnetism and Earth's poles.
- Learning observing forces around us.

We will be developing many Scientific skills. Please see the booklet on Google classrooms for more information.

In Geography...

The children will be learning about Volcanoes. Please have a look at the topic booklet uploaded to Google classroom.

In ICT...

We will be learning:

- The key vocabulary of databases
- To sort data effectively
- To link databases to real life situations

[Working with data - BBC Bitesize](#)



PE

PE this half term will be

- Games: Striking and fielding
- Indoor: Folk Festival dance

In RHE...

Children will be learning about:

- Respecting themselves and others
- Living in a community