



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates:

Tuesday 23rd – Year 4 attend Mass for 9:30 (leave at 8:50am)

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th April – Bikeability

Wednesday 5th June – 4Y Canal Trip (The Floating Classroom)

Tuesday 11th June – 4G Canal Trip (The Floating Classroom)

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 4 Science Museum Trip

How can you help at home?

The children need to practise their times tables on a regular basis in preparation for the mandatory Multiplication Tables Check in June. It is expected of the children to quickly recall all of their times tables from 2 to 12. Using Times Tables Rock Stars every day is one way you can assist at home. You may also like to write any mistakes your child keeps making on a piece of paper and display it on your fridge.

Please spend 10 minutes each day listening to your child read. Talk to them about the book, the definitions of any difficult words, the characters and the settings.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Summer Term 1! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter.

Please remember to restock your child's pencil case with a glue stick, whiteboard pen and some blue pens.

We are currently very low on kitchen roll and tissues in our classrooms. We would be so grateful if you could help to replenish them. Thank you in advance.

Year 4 Summer 1

In RE this half term...

Our topic is 'To the Ends of the Earth' and our focus areas are:

- Pentecost – The Trinity
- An Emerging Church

Key vocabulary: Pentecost, Holy Spirit, Acts of the Apostles, ritual, Eucharist, Offertory, Institution Narrative (the words of Jesus at the Last Supper), Epiclesis (the priest prays over the bread and wine), The Our Father, Sign of Peace, Tabernacle, Liturgy of the Word

Useful websites:

Maths

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbqkvwx#z4ch3qt>

Science

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z484382/articles/zp6g7p3>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z484382/articles/z8mbqhv#:~:text=Invertebrates%20are%20animals%20that%20don,a%20backbone%20inside%20their%20body>

Geography

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7gkwnb#zyyckty>

History

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3tg4wx>

In English...

Once we have finished our work on 'The Great Kapok Tree', we will be reading 'Rhythm and Poetry' by Karl Nova.

The children will have opportunities to read poetry, listen to poems being read, offer personal responses to the poems and create poetry of their own.

Music

This term the children will be looking at the topic "Music colour and visual art".

In science...

We will be continuing with our 'Living things and their habitats' topic.
The children will be learning:

- about non-flowering plants
- what vertebrates and invertebrates are
- about classification keys
- equipment used to observe minibeasts in their habitats
- how humans affect plant and animal

French

The topic this half term is "In the Classroom".

In PE...

Our topics are called:

- Athletics – On Tuesday afternoons, an athlete called Clare will be teaching our lessons.
- Dance - Unit 2: Characterisation

In history...

Our next topic is called 'Arabia and early Islam'. The children will explore the life of Muhammad and how he grew up in a desert. They will learn the messages that Muhammad taught his followers, including 'There is only one God - Allah'. The children will find out that some tribes such as the Quraysh tribe challenged Muhammad and launched violent attacks against him. Nevertheless, he continued to speak up about his faith.

In geography...

Our next topic is called 'Earthquakes'. The children will learn about the immediate effects of earthquakes (e.g. cups falling and breaking, complete darkness etc.) and what causes them. They will learn how the size of an earthquake is measured. Finally, we will explore how humans can live with earthquakes and what strategies are put in place to keep people as safe as possible.

In RHE...

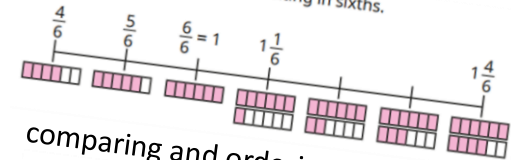
The children will explore how we can put love into action in the communities we live in. Pupils will look at how the Church has grown out of God's love for us and how it can be an example and a means of loving and caring for others.

In maths...

Our next topic is called 'Fractions'. Some of the things the children will be learning include:

- counting beyond 1

Complete the number line, counting in sixths.



- comparing and ordering mixed numbers

Which fraction is greater, $2\frac{1}{6}$ or $1\frac{5}{6}$?



- adding two or more fractions and subtracting two fractions

Filip walks $\frac{7}{10}$ km to school.

After school, he walks $\frac{9}{10}$ km to Aisha's house.

How far has Filip walked in total?

In D&T...

Our topic is called 'Mechanical systems: Making a slingshot car'. Using a range of materials, the children will make the chassis and body of a car with a slingshot launch mechanism. Their slingshot cars will work by using stored kinetic energy in the elastic band before it launches.

In computing...

Our topic is called 'Google: Creating media - Website design'. The children will learn that a website is a collection of pages that are all connected. They will understand that websites usually have a homepage and subpages as well as clickable links to new pages, called hyperlinks. Finally, the children will learn that websites should be informative and interactive.