



## ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

### Important dates

18<sup>th</sup> April – 5G start swimming lessons for 10 weeks

25<sup>th</sup> April – 5Y class assembly

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> April – Islam week

2<sup>nd</sup> May – May procession in school

6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – school closed

9<sup>th</sup> May – Mass in school for the Feast of the Ascension

21<sup>st</sup> May – Maths Day – maths theme dressing up (optional)

24<sup>th</sup> May – Cultural Diversity Day

### How to help at home

Encourage your child to read at home and where possible hear them read and discuss their reading with them.

Check that they have completed their homework.

Encourage them to play on TT Rockstars to develop their times tables knowledge.

### General Information

Please check with your child that their pencil case contains the following: pencil, eraser, blue ballpoint pen (not a fountain/ink pen), glue stick (not coloured), sharpener, coloured pencils, felt tips, highlighters (green, blue and yellow) and a whiteboard pen (black or blue).

We would really appreciate it if you could send in a box of tissues and some kitchen towels for the classroom if you have not done so already.

Please remember that the only jewellery allowed are stud earrings and they must be removed if possible on PE days. If they cannot be removed, then they must be covered with tape before the start of the lesson.

### RE

Our topic is 'To the ends of the earth'

We will explain the purpose of each of the Sacraments in the life of the Church and explain some Christian beliefs about the sacrament of baptism.

We will learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and describe some ways they help Christians be good disciples.

**Key vocabulary: initiation, healing, commitment, priest, deacon, fruits of the Spirit, Holy Spirit**

### Useful websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - resources to support across all subject areas

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - times table game

<https://nrich.maths.org/8960> - maths challenges

<https://www.grammar-monster.com/> - grammar lessons and games

Year 5  
Summer 1 2024

## English

Our class book is 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna

We will be focussing on:

- making predictions using text evidence
- creating wordles
- writing as a character
- setting descriptions
- emotive letter writing
- narrative writing

## Science

Our next topic is **animals including humans**  
We will be learning about:

- the human life cycle
- whether animals have the same life cycle and compare this with insects from the last topic

## PE

5G swimming (instead of indoor PE this half term)

Outdoor – hitting and striking

Indoor – dance

## History

The children will complete the unit on Norse culture. Our new topic is Changing rulers, changing worlds and we will learn how the Angles, Saxons and Vikings shaped England and Scotland.

## Design and Technology

We will complete our unit of work 'What could be Healthier?' from Spring 2

## Art

Sculpture and 3D- Installation art  
We will learn about the features of installation art and how it communicates a message.

## RHE

Cyberbullying – to be able to recognise, understand the impact and ways to deal with it.

Menstruation – understand why periods happen and that fertility is necessary to bring a child into the world, and how the menstrual cycle is part of God's plan for creation.

## Maths

Our topics will include:

Statistics  
Shape

## Music

The topic this term is called "Bring it together".

## French

Children will have a weekly French lesson. The topic is Pets.

## Geography

In our next topic, the children will be learning about the Amazon and how the geography of South America affects life in the Amazon.

## Computing

**Computing systems and networks: search engines**

We will focus on research skills and finding accurate information.