



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates:

Friday 8th November, 2024 – Individual photo day.
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their school uniform.

Week beginning 11th November, 2024 – Parents' Evening (dates TBC)

Friday 29th November, 2024 – Disco after school

Saturday 7th December, 2024 – Christmas Bazaar

Thursday 12th December, 2024 – Year 2 Nativity (9:30am)

How to help at home:

Read with your child daily at home (asking questions to ensure they have understood what they have read) and encourage them to read for their own pleasure.

Revision of number bonds to 10, for example, $9 + 1 = 10$. Also, revise the number bonds within 20, for example, $19 + 1 = 20$. Finally, revise the number bonds to 100, for example $90 + 10 = 100$.

Encourage your child to write (for example, a diary entry of what they have done during their day), focusing on the use of capital letters and full stops.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term break.

We are looking ahead to a 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.

We kindly ask that you please send your child in with kitchen towel and tissues. We greatly value these contributions!

In RE this half term...

Our topic is '**Prophecy and Promise**' and we will be learning about:

- Luke's infancy narrative. The children will be learning about: The Annunciation of John the Baptist, The Annunciation of Jesus, The Visitation, The Magnificat, The birth of John the Baptist and The birth of Jesus.
- The children will learn what a **prophet** is and explore the qualities that prophets have.
- We will explore what Advent is and how Christians use an Advent Wreath to help them prepare for Christmas.
- We will research how Christians prepare for Christmas around the world.

Useful websites:

BBC Bitesize KS1

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

Phonics

How to say the sounds:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1bluklf2/paxz1hZ3>

Reading the stretchy sounds:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sArOic60/LVjOFiZT>

Reading the bouncy sounds:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6hGapMev/JNxWIXi5>

Reading the diagrams:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1Lt2yRjf/JlhZGSzn>

Maths Addition and Subtraction games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/addition-and-subtraction>

Year 2
Autumn 2

In Phonics...

Children were assessed in the final week before half term so have been placed into a suitable group based on their assessment. Books will be changed every 3 days/5 days depending which group your child is in.

In English...

The Power of Reading group will be reading the text 'Claude in the City' by Alex T Smith. Using the text as our inspiration, the children will be writing a setting description for Claude's next adventure. They will also be writing in role as Claude to recount his day in the city.



D&T...

In D&T this half term, the children will be exploring stability. They will then be learning about how the shape of the structure affects its stability. Linked to the book 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' by Robert Southey, the children will design a chair for Baby Bear, considering how they can create a stable structure. Upon completion, the children will test the stability of their chair.

In RHE...

Children will be learning about 'Created and Loved by God':

- They will learn about the cycle of life (how they will grow and change)
- They will also learn about beginnings and endings of the human life cycle and the Christian beliefs about death

In Maths...

Addition and Subtraction

We will continue :

- Adding a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number (not across a 10 and across a 10)
- Subtracting a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number (not across a 10 and across a 10)
- Adding two 2-digit numbers (not across a 10 and across a 10)
- Subtracting two 2-digit numbers (not across a 10 and across a 10)
- Compare number sentences
- Missing number problems

In Geography ...

We will continue our learning about 'Our World', learning about the seven continents and five oceans.

In History ...

We will be learning about 'Victorian Inventions', learning about the invention of electricity, telephones, cameras and trains.

In ICT...

We will be learning:

- Programming 1 – this encompasses learning what an algorithm is and being able to predict algorithms. The children will plan algorithms to solve problems and they will also learn what debugging is.

In Science...

We will be starting our topic 'Everyday materials' and we will :

- identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.

PE
PE this half term will be an hour each week of
• Outdoor PE: Throwing and catching
This is due to hall space but we will be
completing the daily mile to compensate for that.

In Music...

We will be learning about Winter Celebrations and preparing for our nativity.