



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates:

Monday 13th January, 2024 – A Star Is Born auditions for Year 2

Thursday 30th January, 2024 – A Star is Born Infant performance to parents at 1pm

Week beginning 2nd February, 2024 – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February, 2024 – Safer Internet Day

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 the methods used for adding two 2-digit numbers and subtracting two 2-digit numbers (see Google Classroom for examples).

Encourage your child/children to identify 2-D and 3-D shapes. Support them through counting the faces, edges and vertices of 3-D shapes. It is common for children to find counting the edges of shapes challenging.

Encourage your child to write, focusing on the use of capital letters and full stops. They also must ensure that they are applying their phonics to assist them with their spelling.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a magical Christmas 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 'Galilee to Jerusalem' and we will be learning about:

- The Pre-teaching of John the Baptist and what John taught people about Jesus
- We will be making links between the prophets Isaiah and John the Baptist (recalling our previous learning)
- The baptism of Jesus
- What the parable of the Lost Sheep reveals about the nature of God
- The miracles of Jesus and what they show us about Jesus
- We will learn about sin and why prayer is important to help Christians mend their relationship with God.

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/sAr0ic60/LVjOFjZT>

Reading the bouncy sounds:

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

Reading the diagraphs:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/lLt2yRif/JlhZGSzn>

Maths Shape games

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

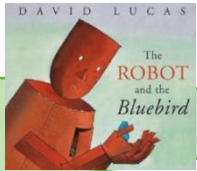
Year 2
Spring 2

In Phonics...

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

In English...

The Power of Reading group will be reading the text 'The Robot and the Bluebird' by David Lucas. Using the text as our inspiration, the children will be writing a non-chronological report about bluebirds. They will also be writing an instruction text.



In Science...

We will be starting our topic 'Animals Needs for Survival' and we will be:

- Children will learn about and identify the survival needs for mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and humans
- They will consider the similarities and differences between these needs
- The children will consider what they can do to take care of the animal groups

In PE...

- Indoor PE: Gymnastics Parts – High and Low
- Indoor PE: Dance – Communicating different moods, feelings and ideas

In Music...

Our topic this half term is called 'Taking off: pitch'



Art...

This half term we will be developing our understanding of sculpture to construct and model simple forms. We will begin to use hands and tools when cutting, shaping, and joining different materials to the clay. We will develop basic skills for shaping and joining clay, including exploring surface texture. The children will be working collaboratively to design a clay house tile.

In RHE (continued from Autumn 2) ...

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 revisit our learning on:

- Adding two 2-digit numbers (across a 10)
- Subtracting two 2-digit numbers (across a 10)
- Compare number sentences
- Missing number problems

Shape

We will be:

- Recognising 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Counting the sides and vertices of 2-D shapes
- Drawing 2-D shapes
- Lines of symmetry in shapes and using these lines to complete shapes
- Counting the faces, edges and vertices of 3-D shapes
- Making patterns with 2-D and 3-D shapes

In History ...

We will be learning about 'Explorers'. The children will learn what a pioneer is and learn about the explorers Christopher Columbus, Matthew Henson and Amelia Earhart. They will answer the big question of what was the same and what was different about these three explorers.

In ICT...

We will finish our learning about:

- 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.

We will then be learning:

- Word processing – this encompasses getting to know the keyboard, developing our touch-typing skills and getting to know word processing.