



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Kinder Lent 2 Newsletter

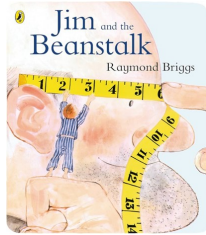
Welcome back after the half term break,
we hope you had a lovely week.

English

During this half term, we will be exploring the following text:

Jim and the Beanstalk:

An alternative text to the traditional tale which allows the children to look at the characters from different perspectives.



Children will begin by revisiting the original Jack and the Beanstalk and creating a retell of the story. Focusing on describing the characters, punctuating their sentences and using the conjunction 'and'. We will then move on to writing letters as a character from the new text. We will pose questions and punctuate with ? And !

For both Reception and Year 1 we will continue to work on our sentence structure, punctuation and grammar. We will use our phonics to segment for spelling and begin to reread our writing to check for errors.

Phonics

We will continue to use the Little Wandle daily scheme for phonics. Reception and Year 1 are taught separately to ensure they are accessing the correct phase. Year 1 are beginning to explore 'alien' words in preparation for their Phonics screening later in the year.

Maths

Using White Rose Maths, we will be covering the following areas of learning;

Year 1

Place value within 50

- Understand numbers to 50
- Counting groups of 10
- Counting tens and ones
- Partitioning



Length and Height

- Compare length and heights
- Measure using objects
- Measure length in centimetres
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Reception

Growing 6,7,8

- Making numbers 6,7,8
- Making pairs
- Odds and evens
- 1 more 1 less
- Doubles to 8



Length, Height and time

- Explore length and height
- Compare length and height
- Talk about time
- Sequence time

RE

What makes some meals special?

The class will begin to recognise and talk about families and groups that share special meals and why this is important. This will lead into spring 2 and the story of the Last Supper. Children will enjoy recreating the last supper and understanding the symbolism behind why The bread and wine was shared amongst Jesus' disciples.

How and why do things change?

The class will recognise what is meant by the term Lent and how we prepare for Easter. They will describe ways in which they can change and how change is important. The children will understand promises and why it is important to keep a promise. They will learn about the importance of the events during the Easter story.



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Science

Why are plants so important for all of us?

Year 1 and Reception will be looking at the changes we see related to Spring and growth.

Our topic is plants so as a class we will be looking at what a plant needs to grow and survive, as well as planting our own seeds in school.

We will also begin to recognise and name different plants and recognise how they may change or vary according to their environment.



Art

Within our art lesson we will be experimenting with colour mixing. We will also be improving our pencil and shading skills by sketching still life drawings of plants and flowers.

Through model making Reception will select tools and develop techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using to create a model. Reception will be thinking and planning carefully what the purpose of their model is.

Outdoor

As the weather begins to get a little warmer we will begin to develop our outdoor garden and children will take part in helping with planting and weeding.

Computing

The children are continuing to explore the laptops and the different tools on a paint package. We will be developing our keyboard skills further by typing on a qwerty key board.



Through RSE we are also looking at how to stay safe online using passwords and talking to our grown ups at home and school.

How can you help?

PE

This half term, the children in Kinder will continue to have Tameside Active on **Fridays**, Children will need to come to school wearing their full PE kit.

Reading

Reading Diaries and reading books need to be brought into school every day, and we ask that care is taken that they are kept in a good, clean condition ready for another pupil to use. Please read with your child daily and sign their diary. Please remind your child they are able to take home a library book which can be shared at home and returned as frequently as they like. We encourage reading for pleasure and shared reading.

Homework

Homework is set on a Monday and is due the following Monday. Please ensure work is completed neatly and stuck in.

Spellings

Spellings for **YEAR 1**, are tested on a Friday, and a new list will be given out. Spellings are linked directly to phonics taught that week and high frequency words which children will use in their daily writing.

Snacks

Fruit is available everyday, children can also bring a treat snack in on Friday.