



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

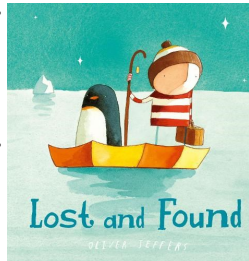
Kinder Pentecost I Newsletter

Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful half term break! Here's an overview of what we will be learning about in Kinder this half term.

English

Lost and Found

We will begin our English topic exploring the thoughts and emotions of characters. We will learn to infer and make predictions. We will explore the topic of friendships, whilst learning about colder climates and polar animals.



Year One

We will learn how to write a fact file about penguins and practice editing our own work.

We will learn how to write lists using commas, create a story map and write a letter from a character.



Reception

We will continue to use our phonics skills to write words and simple sentences. We will use props and puppets to retell the story and explore the characters thoughts and feelings. Whilst the children are learning new writing skills, they will also be exploring the values of friendships and hope.

Maths

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

Reception

Explore 3D shapes

- Recognise and name 3D shapes
- Find 3D shapes in the environment
- Use 3D shapes for tasks

To 20 and beyond

- Build numbers beyond 10
- Continue patterns beyond 10
- Verbal counting beyond 20

Year One

Multiplication and Division

- Count in 2's, 5's and 10's
- Recognise and add equal groups
- Make arrays

Fractions

- Recognise and find a half of a shape, object and quantity
- Recognise and find a quarter of a shape, object and quantity

RE Do we need holidays and holydays?

The class will recognise how holidays are different from other days and how they make us feel. They will understand the importance of holy days and begin to what happened on Ascension Day. Children will start to write their own prayers and share them with the class.

Why do Hindus worship Ganesh?



As part of our understanding of other faiths and religions Kinder will be looking at the Hindu faith, recognising signs and symbols and the stories shared throughout Hinduism.



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Science

Thinking scientifically to

- Use my senses to describe
- Describe texture and smell
- Discover where penguins live
- To name and describe different materials

Geography

Why don't penguins live near the Equator?

- To know what a globe is
- To find different countries on a globe
- To locate the North and South Pole
- To know that the North Pole and the South Pole are cold places
- To know the features of hot and cold places in the world
- To locate North, East, South and West on a compass

Art

Children will be learning to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination!



- To know what a hot / cold colour is and use them in a picture
- To know what a sunset / sunrise is
- To study Van Gogh and recognise the emotions he showed through painting
- To give an opinion about a piece of art

Phonics

Reception

Will continue to learn digraphs and recognise them in reading. The children will be learning to apply their phonics skills when writing simple sentences.

Year One

The focus for this half term will be the Phonics Screening Check in early June. The children will be practising to apply their phonics skills when decoding real and 'alien' or pseudo words.

The children enjoy playing an interactive free game called 'Picnic on Pluto' at www.phonicsplay.co.uk

If you have any questions regarding the Phonics Screening Check please ask Mrs Fletcher or Miss Osborne.

How can you help?

This half term, the children in Kinder will have a Forest School session on Thursday afternoons. The children stay on site and use the field at the back of our building. Please can the children wear comfy, old clothes, as it is likely they will get dirty. Please send wellies in with the children. PE sessions will remain on Friday.

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. Please read with your child daily and sign their diary.

Homework is set on a Monday and is due the following Monday.

Spellings are tested on a Friday, and a new list is given out on Fridays.

We have sent real and alien words home for the year one children. Please practice these regularly.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Fletcher and Miss Osborne