



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Kinder Pentecost 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to the last half term of Kinder, we are completely in shock at how fast the year has flown and intend on having lots of fun together before we break up for summer 😊

English

Using our quality text:

The Bog Baby

by Jeanne Willis



Year One

We will continue to focus on the features of a fiction text. Looking at how a story is structured and the language the author uses.

We will continue to write extended sentences using conjunctions and increased punctuation.

We will be exploring tense suffixes - ed and ing and suffix plurals s and es.

We will writing our own narrative, creating a story map and writing our own animal story.

Reception

We will be working on writing more independently—constructing simple sentences and writing label and phases.

To begin to read back what we have written.

We will continue to look at our letter formation and improve our fine motor skills.

Maths

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

Reception

Will be learning how to share objects equally using the statements:

How many do we have? How many in each group?

Are the groups equal?

Odd and even numbers

Doubling numbers to 10

Year One

Position and direction:

- Recognising turns
- Left and right
- Clockwise and anti-clockwise

Place value within 100

- count from 50-100
- Partition into tens and ones
- 1 more 1 less

Money

- Recognising coins and notes
- Count in coins

Time

- Days of the week/months of the year
- Tell the time to the hour and half hour



RE Why should we be sorry?

The class will recognise feelings, why we feel sorry and how we can forgive others.

We will explore stories from the bible about Levi and Zacchaeus and create simple story boards.

Who is my neighbour?

We will recognise ways in which God loves our neighbour. Begin to recognise how we can be a good neighbour to others and share the story of the Good Samaritan through scriptures and role play.



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Driver question:

Why are humans not like tigers?

Through our science lessons we will be using our driver question to explore animals including humans. We will learn how to classify a range of animals by categorising them into amphibian, reptile, mammal, fish and birds

We will find similarities and differences within the categories by looking at their characteristics.

We will classify animals by their diet and what they eat (carnivore, herbivore and omnivore)

We will know how to sort by living and non-living things.



Design and Technology

- Linked to our class text 'Bog Baby' we will be designing a healthy snack for Bog Baby to eat.
- During this term we will be exploring the healthy food plate
- Evaluating foods based on their taste and texture.
- Evaluating our design based on appearance and taste.



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

We will be starting the half term with a bang and completing the Phonics Screening in the second week. The children have worked extremely hard in all their phonics sessions and we thank you for all the additional support you have offered at home. We are so proud of the progress the children have made. For the remainder of the term we will be revisiting sounds taught and taking part in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lessons (SPaG) .

How can you help?

As the weather is getting warmer please apply sunscreen before school and if possible send in a summer hat. To be worn during playtime and lunch. We would still advise a coat is brought to school too (great British weather)

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.

PE continues to be on a Friday afternoon - please can all children come into school wearing their PE kit and a pair of trainers—as the weather warms up PE lessons may take place on the playground.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Fletcher and Miss Osborne