



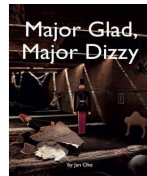
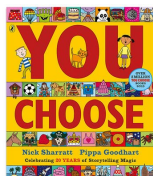
Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Torside Advent I Newsletter

A very warm welcome to the children and parents of Torside class. I am really looking forward to getting to know our class of Year 1 and 2 children and we have a fantastic half term ahead of us.

Here's an overview of what we will be learning about in Torside this half term.

English



This half term we will be reading three wonderful texts; Here we are, You choose and Major Glad and Major Dizzy.

Using the texts to inspire our writing, we will be focusing on:

Narrative writing: writing sentences about the Earth, who we are and what job we want to do when we are older. Describe the setting from Major Glad and Major Dizzy.

Diary writing to write in first person to retell events from the story.

Poetry: Write a funny poem about jobs we wouldn't want to do!

Guided reading

We will continue to read a variety of texts in our Guided reading groups. These sessions focus on applying our phonic knowledge to segment and blend unfamiliar words, using intonation and expression when reading aloud (Prosody) and developing our comprehension skills to draw out the children's understanding of vocabulary, character's actions, behaviours and feelings and authorial intent.

Maths

Using White Rose Maths, we will be focusing on:

- Place Value
 - Count objects within 10 . Represent numbers to 10
 - Count on and back within 20 . 1 more and 1 less
 - Number lines. Estimate on a number line
 - Less than, greater than, equal to
 - Compare numbers. Order numbers
- Addition and Subtraction within 20
 - Parts and wholes. Number bonds to 20
 - Addition – add together, add more
 - Doubles. Near doubles
 - Add three 1-digit numbers
 - Fact families
 - Take away (how many left?)
 - Find the difference. Missing number problems

We will also regularly practise rapid recall of number bonds to 10, and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10.

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Creation and Covenant



This half term the children will be learning about how the Bible is made up of two parts called the Old and New Testament.

They will also learn that the first book in the Bible is Genesis and that God's creation is a gift to us that we should be stewards of.

They will learn and retell the story of Noah, focusing on God's covenant (promise) with Noah in the sign of a rainbow.



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Science

We will be having great fun exploring the skills needed to work scientifically and carry out investigations. We will be predicting outcomes by blowing bubbles in milk, sorting and classifying biscuits and recording which biscuit is best for dunking!



PE

This half term, PE will be on Thursday. Your child can come to school wearing their school PE kit on this day.

History

Torside will learn about Glossop in the Victorian period. The children will find out about Queen Victoria, life as a Victorian child including jobs they may have had, what school would have been like and what they would have done for fun.

We will also be going on a walk around Old Glossop to see signs of Victorian life that still exist.



Art

We will be getting creative with colours and colour mixing. Children will be able to:

Name the primary and secondary colours.

Talk about the colour changes they notice and make predictions about what will happen when two colours mix.

Describe the colours and textures they see.

Try different tools to recreate a texture and decide which tool works best.

Show they can identify different textures in a collaged artwork.

How can you help?

- I will send out homework on Monday to be completed and returned to school the following Monday. This work relates to work that the children will be completing in class that week so is great practise for them, and also nice for you to see what they are learning about.
- Each Friday there will be new spellings sent home for the children to practise. These spellings relate to phonic work the children complete in class, however they will definitely benefit from the extra practise at home.. Use Spelling Shed for a range of games that practise the week's spellings.
- Reading at home five times a week is a great way to improve your child's confidence and reading skills. Their reading books are sent home after we have read them in school so they will already be familiar with them. School library books are also sent home regularly and can be changed when your child asks. These books are for sharing together. Please ensure reading diaries are signed every time your child reads their reading book, shares their library book or practises their spellings.

Thank you for everything you do to support your child at home. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs Barry