



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Kinder Advent 2 Newsletter

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

What a busy start to the year Kinder have had and the fun continues as we race towards (dare we say it?) Christmas!!!

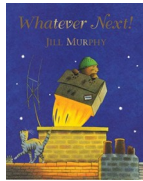
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Literacy

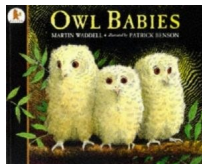
Children will continue to follow the Little Wandle scheme for phonics and reading; exploring a new book each Monday—Wednesday which will be sent home every Wednesday to share at home.

Our text we will cover in class this half term include

Whatever Next by
Jill Murphy



Owl babies by
Martin Waddell



And fiction books about space and nocturnal animals.

Writing

Each morning the children are enjoying coming in to school and writing their names, we are so pleased with the progress every child has made with their letter formation and recognition of sounds. As we learn a new sound each day the children are taught how to form the letter and given the opportunity to practice during independent exploration.

Within our guided writing sessions Kinder class are now writing initial sounds for words and are encouraged to spell CVC words independently.

Numeracy

In numeracy the children will continue to follow the White Rose Math scheme, taking part in daily carpet sessions and independent activities in our continuous provision.

Areas to be taught include:

2d shapes — circles, triangles, squares; properties of shapes, shapes in our environment and creating patterns.

Number bonds for numbers to 5 — including number songs, recognising numbers in our environment, subitizing and representing numbers using objects.

Children will become experts in bonds to 5 moving on to 10 later letter in the year. Learning this skill will give them the foundations to succeed in maths mastery as they move through the school.

The children will continue to practice forming numbers daily.





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Topic

Our topic this half term is 'The sky at night' - This is an exciting topic for this time of year as it allows us the opportunity to look at events, such as bonfire night, changing season, space and nocturnal animals.

Children will enjoy working in the 'space station' role play and learning about the planets in our solar system.

Through stories we will learn about nocturnal animals and their habitats. The children will be making bird feeders to help our local birds as the weather gets colder.

We will finish the term with a topic about winter and Christmas which will include lots of observations about the changing season and a Santa's workshop.

RE

Children will learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali and make diva lamps to take home and celebrate the festival of lights.

We will be following our new RE scheme with the branch Prophecy and Promise—the children will learn about the meaning of Christmas—why Mary was chosen, the journey to Bethlehem and the importance of Jesus' birth.

PE

PE will continue to take place every Wednesday and your child should come to school in their school PE kit and trainers.

Tooth brushing

Will continue to take place everyday as an addition to their morning and evening routine.

Home school Diary

Please continue to write in your child's homeschool diary, it is important that your child reads at least 3 times a week and practices their sounds. The progress every child in Kinder has made is amazing and we thank you for all the support they receive at home.

Dates for your diary:

Phonics evening — 12/11/24

Pyjama day for

Children in Need — 15/11/24

Come Dine with Me — 27/11/24

INSET day (children off) 29/11/24

Pantomime trip—12/12/24

Christmas dinner day—11/12/24

Nativity Play 17/12/24 — 2pm

6pm

School closes for Christmas 20/12/24