



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Kinder Lent I Newsletter

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a restful and peaceful time with your families.

It has been nice to see the children happy to return to school.

Happy New Year from the teaching staff in Kinder Class.

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 focus for literacy this half term is traditional fairytales. We will begin with 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children will learn about the structure of stories, learn new vocabulary, begin to retell stories and engage in storytimes.

And fiction books about the seasons and weather.



Writing

Within our literacy topic there will be opportunities to write for different purposes. The children will write story captions, shopping lists and ingredients. They will begin to use adjectives to describe characters. The children have a daily letter formation lesson within phonics and are practising to spell words using their phonetic skills.

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:

- subitising 0—5
- finding 1 more and 1 less 0-5, progressing to 6-10
- comparing and exploring mass and capacity
- making pairs, using odd and even numbers
- doubling numbers within 10
- combining two groups of amounts

Mathematical concepts will be explored in our continuous provision. Our fairytale topic allows for cross-curricular teaching and learning, where number skills will be revisited.

Children will continue to practice number formation daily.





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Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Traditional Fairytales'. This topic lends itself well to cross-curricular teaching and the children are able to engage with the stories.

We will begin with 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children will become bakers in our role play area, where they will write lists of ingredients and measure quantities. They will role play as customers and bakers, using rich language and new vocabulary to explore and retell the tales.

From a Science perspective, we will learn about different seasons, with a focus on winter and weather.

The children will explore with different colours and textures in Art.

RE

In this unit, 'Galilee to Jerusalem', we will learn about the life of Jesus, the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus. We will gain a deeper understanding of why the Wise men followed a star and gave Jesus gifts. We will learn that Jesus welcomes everyone, takes care of everyone and that we should share what we have with others. We will explore these ideas through stories, art and discussion.

PE

PE will continue to take place every Wednesday and your child should come to school in their school PE kit and trainers. This half term focuses on movement and dance.

Tooth brushing

Will continue to take place everyday, in 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:

Monday 6th January—Lent term 1 begins

Wednesday 8th January—Stay & Play sessions resume

Wednesday 15th January—PTFA meeting at 9.15am