



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Kinder Lent 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term, fingers crossed the weather will become a little warmer and the nights a little lighter. We are officially half way through the current academic year and the children are, as ever, working extremely hard. We look forward to seeing what this short but exciting half term brings.

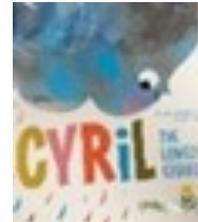
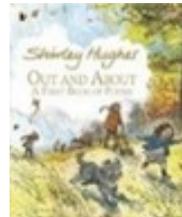
English:

This half term we will be linking our Geography big question—What is the weather like in the UK? This will feed through into the text we will share and the writing we will produce.

We have a number of quality texts which the children will access, these will be fiction and non-fiction and will encourage new vocabulary within our daily dialogue.

The children will begin by looking at the features of non-fiction texts and how these are different to the stories we read. We will then be writing our own fact file about the weather.

The quality texts we will read include:



We will finish the half term by exploring poems about the weather.

Maths:

Year 1 will focus on place value to 50, they are working hard on their number bonds and using these to support with addition and subtraction. They are now recognising tens and ones in teen numbers and this is laying the foundations for numbers to 50. They will also be exploring measuring, looking at length and height, of objects and shapes, as well as finding the mass and volume of containers.

Reception will be focusing on shapes, data, and measure— they will be exploring the length of objects around the classroom and measuring using different equipment. This will have links to our science topic about animals. They will also be looking at time, this will link to their day and the ordering of events which happen in the morning and evening. The children will also link this to the seasons, days of the week and months of the year. We will continue to work on exploring numbers to 10 and our 3d shapes.

Art - Painting and mixed media

This half term we will be enjoying using the paints and exploring colouring mixing, this will build on previous understanding of the primary colours and how we can mix to create secondary colours. We will look at paint printing using various objects from around our classroom and revisiting vegetable printing.

We will enjoy learning about the artist Clarence Cliff and creating our own plates.

RE—Desert to Garden

The children will be learning and recalling the events before, during and after Holy week. They will make connections between Jesus' time in the desert and the season of Lent. They will revisit the week leading to Jesus' crucifixion. The children will hear the message which the angel brought to the world and how people all over the world celebrate during the time of Lent.

Science - Comparing animals

We will begin by comparing different animals, thinking about animals we are familiar with or may have at home. We will be looking at their features and link to their diet. Using the terms, herbivore, omnivore and carnivore we will review their diets and how their bodies and teeth vary according to what they eat. We will think about why some animals make good pets and why some belong in the wild. The children will learn about the scientist Jane Goodall and the research she carried out, immersing herself into the gorilla habitat.

Music— sound patterns

Through well known fairytales, children will be introduced to the concept of sound patterns (rhythms). They will explore clapping along to repeated words and phrases, creating rhythmic patterns to retell a familiar fairytale.

PE for this half term will take place on a MONDAY— Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on this day. As the weather is warming up the children may be outside—please send in appropriate trainers.

Geography— What is the weather like in the UK?

We will be linking our Geography topic very closely to our English work., using lots of non-fiction text to explore the weather and how it is recorded.

The children will learn to identify and locate the four UK countries, recognise their own country and describe locations using basic compass directions. They will also measure different types of weather, using symbols used in weather forecasts, use their observational skills to describe seasonal changes and suggest appropriate clothing and activities for each season.

The children will also link this topic to their Forest school activities.

Forest school

Kinder class will be taking part in forest school every Thursday for the next 8 weeks. Your child can come to school in appropriate clothing for participating in Forest school, please refer to the previous letter sent out before the holidays. We recommend all children bring to school, wellies/boots and a suitable waterproof jacket.

Home school Diary

Please continue to listen to your child read each evening and write a short message letting us know how well they have read their book.

Year 1— Year 1 children are given spellings each Monday linked to their phonics that week, they will be tested on these the following Monday. Homework is given out on a Friday and should be completed and handed in by the following Friday. Please support and encourage your child to complete this.