



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Kinder Pentecost I Newsletter

Pentecost 1—Welcome back to the start of what is our summer term!

Fingers crossed the sun starts to shine soon and we can start to see our wonderful school grounds in full bloom.

With only fourteen weeks to go we will be working hard to ensure children are meeting their targets, but most importantly, having fun!

English: This half term we will be linking our history big question—How did we learn to fly? with our English.

The quality text we will read include:



This has been designed to fit around a real life adventurer Danny and his penguin, Rocky. The children will learn all about Danny and how the Rocky the penguin was desperate to fly. The children in Kinder will explore different ways in which Rocky could fly and write instructions to help him. They will revisit their story telling skills, orally constructing their sentences and looking at new ways to start a sentence. They will look at suffixes and prefixes and write with the correct tense. As always, sentence construction will be at the forefront of our writing, perfecting the use of capital letters and full stops.

Maths:

Year 1 will focus on Measure—mass and volume. This will be a practical unit whereby the children will explore the weight of everyday objects, using scales to investigate heavy and light. Children will fill containers using different equipment, water and sand and measure which containers hold the most and least. We will be laying the foundations for multiplication and division, recognising multiplication as groups of objects of equal quantity and learning to confidently count in twos, fives and tens. This will lead to the children recognising division as sharing. Finally, we will look at the fractions—halves and quarters, again this will be a practical unit which will allow for children to use their cutting and folding skills.

Reception will also be looking at sharing and grouping, the children will be completing practical activities which allow for them to visually see each group and its value. They have worked hard on their numbers to 10 and will be progressing to exploring numbers to twenty and beyond.

Art - Structure and 3d paper play

The children will develop some control when using a wide range of tools to draw, paint and create crafts and sculptures. Explore and analyse a wider variety of ways to join and fix materials in place. Describe and compare features of their own and others' artwork. Finally, evaluating their art with an understanding of how art can be varied and made in different ways and by different people.

RE— To the ends of the Earth

The children will be thinking about the question—How is the Holy Spirit important to me?

Through this question Kinder will revisit the life of Jesus and recognise that his life did not end when he was crucified. They will listen to the story of the road to Emmaus, imagining how the disciples felt before learning of the ascension and the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Science - Introduction to plants

Children will be identifying plants and their features around school. Recognise and recall some of the roles that flowering plant parts have on the environment.

Name some trees and their parts and identify similarities and differences between deciduous and evergreen leaves.

Recall that seeds and bulbs come from plants. The children will be planting seeds within the Kinder garden and watching them grow. They will understand what a plant needs to grow healthy and strong.

Music— Transport

This unit will see the children using their voices, bodies and instruments to explore different types of transport, identifying and mimic transport sounds and interpreting and performing a simple score.

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.

History— How did we learn to fly?

The children will begin by identifying important events in the past using a timeline and correctly order five events on a timeline. They will explain how a significant event has changed the lives of others, looking at key events in history, such as WW2 or the Great Fire of London.

They will ask questions about people and events in the past, using primary sources to find out about people and events in the past. Finally, the children will look at planes through the ages and consider why flight travel changed over time.



Forest school

Kinder class will be taking part in Forest school for the next 3 weeks, ending 29th April. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we will continue to get outside as much as possible to revisit some of the activities they have enjoyed.

Home school Diary Every child is given a reading book each week to share at home:

Please 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.