



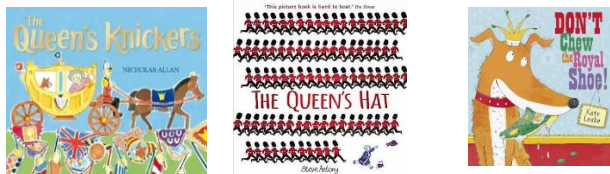
Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Valehouse Advent I Newsletter

I am thrilled by how well the children are settling into our new class, and am looking forward to teaching them this year.

English

This half term we will be using these sources to inspire our writing with a focus on the King and Queen.



Narrative writing

Children will design and describe their own knickers, create a wanted poster for the Queen's missing knickers and use prepositions to describe where we looked for them.

The class will describe some London landmarks and use expanded noun phrases to describe the Queen's hat. They will create a story map and write their own version of the Queen's hat story.

Non fiction

Children will learn about imperative verbs and apostrophes for contraction eg do not → don't. Then they will write some rules for cheeky Chips the dog.

Poetry

We will use rhyming words and expanded noun phrases to write a poem about if they were a King/Queen.

Guided reading

The children will be reading their levelled books in groups three times a week, and working together as a class to develop their comprehension skills.

Maths

Using White Rose Maths, we will be covering the following areas of learning;

Year 2:

- Numbers to 20
- Recognise tens and ones
- Use a place value chart
- Partition and write numbers to 100
- Place 10s and 1s on a number line to 100
- Count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.
- Number bonds to 10, 20 and 100
- Add by making 10
- Add three 1 digit numbers
- Add and subtract across 10

Year 3

- Represent and partition numbers to 100
- Use a number line to 100
- Represent numbers to 1000
- Partition number to 1000
- Hundreds, tens and ones
- Number line to 1000
- Estimate on a number line to 1000
- Compare and order numbers to 1000
- Count in 50s
- Add and subtract 1s, 10s and 100s
- Add across a 10

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Creation and Covenant

Children will learn that the Bible is made up of two parts and the first book is Genesis. They will know that God's creation is a gift to us and we should be stewards to take care of it. They will retell the story of Noah and focus on God's covenant in the sign of the rainbow. We will know that psalms are a different form of scripture and then will learn that baptism is the first sacrament and explore the meaning of symbols used in Baptism.



Science

Habitats

We will learn how to:

Recall some life processes, giving examples of how they apply to plants and animals.
Match different plants and animals to their habitats. Give examples of how animals use their habitat for food and shelter.
Recall that plants produce their own food for energy.
Name living things that are producers and place a producer at the beginning of a food chain.
Use arrows to show the order in a food chain.





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PE

This half term children will have PE on Thursday. Children should come to school dressed in school PE kits.

History

This half term we're exploring the question **What is a monarch?**

The children will be able to:

- Recall that a monarch is a king or queen.
- Identify some of the monarch's roles.
- Explain that a king or queen is crowned in a special ceremony called a coronation.
- Name some of the main steps in the coronation ceremony.
- Use sources to explain how William the Conqueror became King of England.
- Explain how William the Conqueror kept order and conquered England.
- Explain how castles have changed over time.
- Identify that the power of monarchs has changed over time.
- Make comparisons between past and present monarchies.

Design and Technology

Cooking and nutrition: A balanced diet

Valehouse will be able to:

- Name the main food groups and identify foods that belong to each group.
- Describe the taste, feel and smell of a given food.
- Think of three different wrap ideas, considering flavour combinations.
- Construct a wrap that meets the design brief and their plan.



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.

- Each Friday there will be new spellings sent home for the children to practise. These spellings relate to work the children complete in class but 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. Please ensure reading diaries are signed every time your child reads their reading book.

- We will be testing times tables each week, so I would encourage the children to practise regularly using TT Rockstars, Hit the button or MTC Mathshed.

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

Computing

Computing systems and networks- IT around us

In this unit, the children will develop their understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples. They will discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. Learners will then investigate how IT improves our world, and they will learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.