# Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Kinder Advent 2 Newsletter

Welcome back Kinder Class, we hope you had a wonderful week off.

## English

During this half term, we will be exploring the following texts and themes.

**Pumpkin Soup – Helen Cooper**

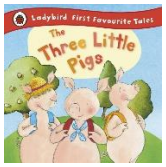
Using the story of Pumpkin Soup, Kinder class will explore the characters in the text, looking at how they behave and their friendships.

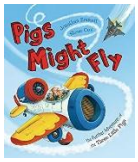


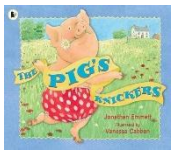

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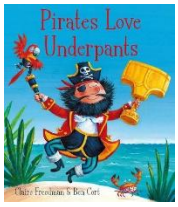
- Explore characters
- Discuss feelings and behaviour
- Retell the story
- Act out the story using props and dialogue
- Writing instructions
- Using time openers

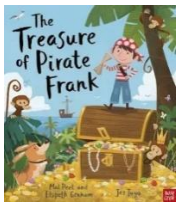
**We will also be looking at stories linked to our geography and science topics - materials and maps.**

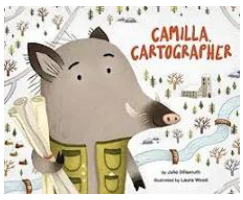



## Maths

### Reception

In Reception we will be following the White Rose scheme of learning, focusing on:

We will continue to look at numbers to 5 – finding number bonds and counting groups of objects.

Children will be learning how to subitise and confidently recall number bonds to 5.

We will finish the have term looking at 2d shapes: squares, circles and triangles. This will include finding them within our environment, making patterns and pictures.

### Year 1

This half term we will focus on *Addition and Subtraction.*

- Introduce parts and wholes
- Using part-whole
- Write number sentences
- Fact families – addition facts
- Number bonds within 10
- Addition – add together

We will finish the term looking at *shape*

- Recognise and name 3-D shapes

Sort 3-D shapes

Recognise and name 2-D shapes

-Sort 2-D shapes

- Patterns with 2d and 3d shapes

## RE

**Catholic Social Teaching: Community and Participation**



This half term we will be exploring the theme of community and participation and that as people we are social beings, communicating and relating to one another. We are made for community and communion with one another, living and sharing our daily lives, hopes and dreams.

**Prophecy and Promise**




During this half term we will be learning about the story of Christmas – The children will recall the visitation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary and the journey to Bethlehem. We will also be practicing for our nativity where the children will learn about key events before and after Jesus was born.

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Science- Materials: Everyday Materials

Children will be discovering the difference between objects and materials by exploring and classifying a variety of items, they will:

Name and sort objects and identify the materials they are made from.

Recognise that objects are made from materials that suit their purpose.

Suggest ways to test materials for their properties.

Make predictions and recognise whether they were accurate.

Use their observations to answer questions.

Begin to recognise if a test is fair.



Art - Map it out

Children will be using different media to create maps which depict different objects and buildings along a journey.

They will be exploring texture, using different materials.

Generating different maps before using printing to create a piece of artwork which they will display in our class art gallery.



Geography – Exploring maps

The children will be exploring the local area and thinking about where they live in relation to England, the UK and the world. They will explore maps through discussion, storytelling, games and creative activity.

- Draw information from a simple map.
- Explore the natural world around them.
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.
- Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.
- Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
- Year 1 will also use directional language and explore compass points.



Over the coming weeks your child will be learning parts, songs and dances for the school Nativity show, please support them as much as possible with any lines or role they are chosen for. It can be quite daunting for our new Reception children so any encouragement you can give is greatly appreciated.

Things to remember

- Please remember to read with your child at home at least three times a week. Reading at home not only boosts you child's confidence but also nurtures their love for reading.
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- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school, as part of our school policy children should only be bringing water into school. All water bottles will be washed and replenished with water throughout the week. Water bottles are sent home on a Friday and should be returned each Monday.

- PE lessons are every Monday, these lessons will take place in the hall however it can still get chilly, please ensure your child has correct kit for the weather – Joggers/Leggings/Hoodie/Trainers – Thank you

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