



Writing

This half term we will be reading William heads to Hollywood and will be writing newspaper reports.

We will explore the character's thoughts and feelings through role play and in writing. We will look at the features of newspaper reports and write using the past tense and in the third person. We will make our writing exciting by beginning sentences in different ways and by using and to join sentences.

The children will continue to learn to rehearse their sentences, use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly. They will be encouraged to plan their writing, rehearse sentences before writing, reread their writing to check it makes sense and to edit their work.

Reading

Reading is taught in a variety of ways in Year 1; in small groups, during phonics and as a whole class.

This half term we will be discussing a range of stories and non-fiction texts.

Children will be encouraged to make links between what they have read and their own experiences.

We will focus on making sure reading makes sense and developing self correction skills when it does not make sense. We will also continue to practise our decoding skills during phonics lessons.

Phonics and Spellings

Children will have a daily phonics lesson where they learn a phoneme and then practise using it through games and activities.

Games to support our phonics work can be found on:

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-3-games.html>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-4-games.html>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-5-games.html>

Spellings will be sent home a Monday to be tested the following Monday. These will be linked to our phonics work and the common exception words for Year 1 children.

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Gospel Value—Service

Religious Education

As a Catholic school we follow the diocesan scheme of work, 'Come and See'.

Topics this term include Special People and Meals.

In our 'Special People' topic we will find out about special people in the church and that Jesus is the special person for the parish family.

In our 'Meals' topic we will find out about the story of the Last Supper and how we celebrate this sacrament during Mass.



Maths

Children will be taught fluency in the fundamentals of maths, they will be taught to reason mathematically and solve problems by applying their maths to a variety of routine and non routine problems.

Addition and Subtraction

We will be continuing to practise our skills of subtraction to quickly solve calculations using a range of methods and use the - and = signs.

We will then use addition and subtraction to solve problems and begin to use the inverse operations.

Shape

We will be naming 3D shapes and describing their properties.

Time

We will sequence daily events and use vocabulary such as yesterday, today, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening. We will be learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past.

We will continue to practise place value skills, for example saying the number one more and one less, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

History

This half term we will find out about people in the past who served others. In particular we will find out about the life of Florence Nightingale. We will ask questions about Florence Nightingale and her work and we will learn to find answers to these questions. We will look at books and pictures and look for evidence to explain reasons why people acted as they did. We will make comparisons to the present day and describe the past.

Computing

Children will begin to learn to use the keyboard to type words and sentences. They will become more familiar with the key board through playing games. They will learn how to add capital letters to their writing and how to change the font size, style and colour.

Art

This half term we will investigate the work of Paul Klee. We will look at tone and shape in his work and we will experiment with tone and shape in our own work.

P.E

Indoor P.E

Children will be learning to play Hockey. They will learn to hold the stick correctly, learn to dribble the ball with control and develop passing skills.

Outdoor P.E

Children will continue to develop the skills needed in team games. Children will begin to play Tag Rugby.

Music

We follow the Charanga scheme of work in music. We will complete the unit 'In the Groove' We will learn the song, improvise using voice sounds and instruments and perform.



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Science

This half term we will begin to investigate materials. We will find out about natural and man-made materials.

We will name a variety of natural materials, discuss their uses and find out about their properties. We will also look at how materials can be changed through squashing, twisting, stretching. We will carry out some investigations and discuss our findings.

We will also be finding out about Seasonal Change throughout the year. This half term we will look at the changes in Winter and how day length changes.

Educational Visits and Outdoor Learning

We will working outside with a visiting wildlife expert from the RSPB to support our science work.

We will work with visiting hockey coaches to learn and develop skills.

As part of our value of Service we will be inviting people from our community into to talk to us about how they serve the community.

Our RE topic is Special People and we will be finding out about jobs people do in church.

PSHCE

As the gospel value that we are teaching this half term is Service, we will be exploring ways we can serve others as well as think about how people serve our community.

Our SEAL topic is Going for Goals. We will develop our resilience and growth mindset by persevering and not giving up.

Homework

Homework will support our class work. This will include basic skills, number skills, handwriting or topic based activities.

Links to websites and games will be added to Seesaw to support your child's learning.

Please read with your child as often as possible and also enjoy and discuss other stories and texts together.

Useful websites

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-3-games.html>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/sorting_using_mate.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/grouping_materials.shtml

<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/literacy/letterformation/>