St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



Reception Knowledge Organiser

<u>'Spring Two'</u>

"Loving God In All We Do."

Our topics this half term

This half term we will be working on the following Topics:

- Materials
- Growing Plants
- Easter

We will continue to learn how families gather and celebrate at mass through our Gathering RE topic, and through our Growing RE topic we will be learning about Spring as a time when things begin to grow and Lent as a time to grow to be more like Jesus. We will also be learning about similarities and differences in relation to materials and learn about the properties of some materials and make observations of plants.

By the end of the topic we will... (Development Matters)

Understanding the World

- To know about similarities and differences in relation to objects and materials.
- To know the properties of some materials and suggest some of the purposes they are used for.
- To make observations of plants and talk about changes.
- To become familiar with basic scientific concepts such as floating and sinking and experimentation.

Phonics & Reading

We continue to work through the Phase 3 sounds in our phonics lessons. These sounds do get progressively more difficult so a little practise each night will definitely support your child to become more confident recognising them. We are so proud of how hard the children have been working on their reading both at school and those children who have been Home Learning. The online books can be accessed through the Oxford Owls site using the following link: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/ and using the following login details-Class Names: class 1 s or class 2 b Password: Bookworms

We shall also continue to focus on reading the tricky words, i.e. words that cannot be sounded out.

Phase 2 words: I; no; go; to; the; and. Phase 3 words : he; she; we ;be; me; was; my; you; her; they; all; are.

<u>Literacy</u>

This half term we will have a traditional tales focus. We will be talking about and learning the stories of The Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk. We will have a writing focus, where the children will be working on writing simple sentences and then begin to use narrative features within their writing using the traditional tales as their starting point.

<u>Maths</u>

The children will continue to work on rote counting and number recognition to 20 and continue to write numerals for a purpose. We will focus on addition and subtraction and sharing quantities. We will also be working on weight, length and capacity in our space shape and measures work.

<u> PE</u>

Don't forget we introduced another PE session on Friday mornings. Please can the children come into school in their PE kits on both Thursdays and Fridays.

<u>Outdoor Area</u>

We shall soon start planting in our garden area and exploring wildlife! Please can you ensure your child has their warm waterproof outdoor clothing and wellies sent into school so that the children can access this area in all weathers.



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Wider curriculum learning

This half term we will use the story of The Three Little Pigs to lead nicely into the exploration of materials. We will find out about which materials will keep us dry and which materials will float or sink. We will also be becoming green fingered by planting seeds and making observations of plants. We will also use plants as the inspiration for our art work.

We are going to read:

- The Three Little Pigs
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Non-Fiction texts about 'Growing Plants'
- The Easter Story

Let's try this at home

Talk about the materials that objects are made of around the house. Think about why that material best for that particular object.

Maybe you could go on a material hunt.

Do some growing at home. You could plant some seeds in a pot or out in the garden and watch them grow. Perhaps you could keep a diary of your seed growing.

Key dates for this half-term

Term Starts - Monday 22nd February 2021 World Book Day - Thursday 4th March 2021

Half-Term (Easter Break) - Friday 26th March – Monday 12th April 2021