



Class 2 Newsletter

Spring 2024

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Maths



In Maths we will be learning: -

To compare numbers within 5. Children will look and compare objects using mathematical language of more, less and equal.

Length and Height - Children will compare sizes, lengths and heights verbally and begin to use more specific terms, such as 'taller than', 'shorter than'.

Pairs – begin to investigate through practical ways e.g. socks, gloves.

Number Bonds – Knowing which pairs make a given number.

3D Shapes – To identify and talk about shapes.

R.E



Our topics this term are:

Celebrating – To look at what a celebration is and how the Parish family celebrate.

Gathering – We will be looking at how and why people gather together and how the Parish family gather for Mass.

Growing – We will discover the ways in which things grow and how to grow during Lent to be more like Jesus.

The children will also participate in weekly Class Liturgical Prayer and Whole School Liturgical Prayer in which we encourage children to learn our school prayers and to take time to think and reflect about their day.

PSED

We begin the term by learning about how to make healthy choices and being safe. We will look at making healthy food choices and how to be safe e.g. in school, on the road and online.

We will be learning about rules, why we have them and why it is important to follow them.

Children will investigate different feeling and emotions and look at how we can help manage our feelings.

English

Children are taught to read and write using our phonics scheme 'Sounds Write.' Children will be taught to segment, blend and manipulate sounds in words. We will be focusing on how to read longer words and words with adjacent consonants e.g. frog, pond. We will consolidate the following sounds which we learned within the Autumn Term.

a i m s t n o p b c g h d e f
v k l r u j w z x y ff ll ss zz

Your child will receive reading activities and/or a book to support their reading development at home. These activities will be sent on a **Thursday** and should be returned to school every **Monday**. Additional topic related homework will also be sent home via Seesaw.



Topic

This half term our topic is 'Out Of This World'. Children will learn about the world around us through fiction and non-fiction books such as, 'Here We Are' and 'Whatever Next!' Children will be imaginative and use creative thinking to discuss aliens and design their own. Children will enjoy becoming astronauts in our very own 'Space Station'. We will be investigating and describing rocks and weighing and comparing asteroids from space!



After half term, our topic will be, 'Ready, Steady, Grow!' Children will look at the lifecycles of animals such as frogs and butterflies. We will be going on a minibeast hunt to investigate what lives around us. We will be planting and growing, discussing what plants need to grow.



P.E.

Children will develop their skills of negotiating their own space and others around them through a range of games. They will begin to move their bodies in range of ways including, hopping, skipping, jumping and running.

Children will continue to develop their own skills of fastening coats, hats and gloves and fastening buttons.

We will continue to work on pencil grip, dominant hand and the 'tripod' grip for writing.



Creative Development

Children will:

develop their skills of refining their ideas and creations.

Create collaboratively and discuss their creations.

Understanding the World



Children will:

Explore changes in the natural world around us through exploring the outdoor environment.

Explore different religions and cultures including Chinese New Year.

Use books to help us discuss the past.

General Information and Polite Reminders

- Long hair should be tied back.
- Gel or other hair products are not permitted.
- Hair should not be dyed and extreme haircuts are not permitted.
- Earrings and jewellery should not be worn in school – This included plastic retainer studs.



P.E. kit: Please ensure your child wears navy joggers to school on their designated P.E. day as opposed to navy leggings.

Labels: Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled in order for them to be easily returned.

WOW slips: We encourage your child to share WOW moments from home e.g. riding a bike, getting dressed independently, certificates from hobbies etc. Please ask a member of EY staff for additional slips as and when required.

Contact/Medical Details: Please let the school office know if any of contact and medical details have changed. Please return all packs and permission forms to the office.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office to arrange a telephone call.

Mrs Hall, Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Hodgson