



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Year One - summer 1 half term, 2025

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school after the Easter break. Our main theme this half term is Supertato in English, continuing with a superhero theme in Music and Computing! We will be preparing the children in Y1 for the national phonics screening check, which takes place in June. Phonics homework will revolve around revision of our set 3 sounds.

Come and See

In our RE, we will be exploring the story of the Road to Emmaus, the Ascension, and the story of Pentecost. The children will complete an age-appropriate narrative cycle of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and encounter the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Apostles and then the early Church.

They will make connections between the Good News of Jesus and the apostles' mission when they are filled with the Holy Spirit.

English

Stories with Fantasy Settings ('Supertato')

- Make predictions based on what has been read.
- Make basic inferences about what is being said and done.
- Use simple 'joining words' to link ideas (and, but)
- Pluralise nouns - build on using '-s' e.g. *dog, dogs*, as addressed in previous units, to using '-es', e.g. *wish, wishes*.
- Orally compose every sentence before writing.
- Re-read every sentence to check it makes sense.
- Use familiar plots for structuring the opening, middle and end of their stories.
- Read aloud their writing to adults and peers.
- **Instructions:**
 - Title and subheadings.
 - List of equipment (or ingredients for recipes)
 - Imperative verbs and adverbs (bossy verbs)
 - Formal, impersonal tone.
 - Diagrams or illustrations.

Reading books will be changed on Monday and Thursday. Please use the reading record to share comments about your child's reading. It is important that during the week your child completes the reading book, up to 3 times if possible. We are encouraging reading fluency and are seeing improved results thanks to good home - school partnerships.

Maths



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Multiplication & Division: Count in 2s; Count in 10s; Count in 5s; Recognise equal groups; Add equal groups; Make arrays; Make doubles; Make equal groups – grouping

Fractions: Recognise a half of an object or a shape; Find a half of an object or a shape; Recognise a half of a quantity; Find a half of a quantity; Recognise a quarter of an object or a shape; Find a quarter of an object or a shape; Recognise a quarter of a quantity; Find a quarter of a quantity

Position & Direction: Describe turns; Describe position – left and right; Describe position – forwards and backwards; Describe position – above and below; Ordinal numbers

Other information:

- Mrs. Cahalin to teach Monday – Thursday
- Mrs. Fitzsimmons to teach every Friday
- Mrs. Garrett (HLTA) will teach the class on Wednesday afternoons to cover PPA time.
- Please make sure **all** uniform items are clearly labelled, including all water bottles.
- Children are welcome to bring in any certificates/trophies that have been awarded to them outside of school, to share in our whole school celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon.
- Homework – Spellings, reading, phonics (sent by individual phonics leaders) via Dojo portfolio.
- Healthy snacks or toast during morning break.
- Fruit is provided by school during afternoon break.

Please see the topic web that accompanies this letter to see full curriculum coverage this half term.

Please contact us if you have any questions about your child or their learning. Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Cahalin and Mrs J Fitzsimmons