

Saint Martin de Porres

Catholic Primary School



Year 1

Spring Term 2021

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term. Please look out for the newsletter during this term which will have lots of helpful information and diary dates.



We will continue to have a particular focus on reading this term. Supporting your child to read, encouraging your child to read with you and reading to them regularly, all have a huge impact on their learning.



A FEW REMINDERS FOR THIS TERM

Water bottles - A reusable bottle should be brought to school everyday. Water, not squash or juice.

P.E. is on a Monday PE kit is needed in school, everyday. All items must be named.

Homework will be sent out on Friday. It needs to be handed in on a Tuesday.

Home Readers - Check your child's reading day.

Named uniform - Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their names. Especially jumpers!



OUR LEARNING IN SPRING 1



RE

Children will explore the idea of Following Jesus today and sharing Jesus' Life. Children will look at the symbols of baptism and their meanings. They will know that we go to church and why, as well as knowing how they belong to the Church. Children will explore the ways they can follow Jesus today looking at the stories - *The calling of the disciples* and *the changing of Simon to Simon Peter*.

Maths

Children will keep practising and embedding addition and subtraction within 10. They will become fluent in place value to 20 to then revisit addition and subtraction within 20. Focusing on missing number problems, part whole models and crossing the tens boundary. They will then move on to place value up to 50-comparing numbers and showing them in a variety of different ways. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

English

Recount: Children will look at a variety of recounts and look at what makes a good recount. Children will have a go at writing their own recount about their special trip to the theatre.

Traditional stories and fairy tales: This unit will look at children becoming familiar with some popular and familiar fairy tales. We will look at how they are similar and different. We will look at these stories using the template of boxing clever and use this to enable to us to write our own versions of these stories and adapt them into our own versions.

Science

Sorting and using materials: Children will identify and investigate the properties of different materials. We will think about why certain products are made from certain materials and what alternatives we could use. Children will carry out investigations to decide which the best material for different jobs is.



History

Lowry:

Pupils will learn about the life and works of the artist Lowry. They will discuss and analyse various works by him. The children will compare and contrast the scenes painted by Lowry, then draw and paint in a similar style.

Computing

The children will learn to bug and debug a simple program. They will also be introduced to algorithms and become more familiar with how they are essential in instructing a program.

PE

Multi-skills: Children to practise and develop some different PE skills e.g throwing, catching, agility, running etc. Children will practise these skills within a variety of different games and activities.



Music

The children will practise singing and reproducing rhythms (hand clapping). They will learn to identify different genres of music.

OUR LEARNING IN SPRING 2



RE

Lent and Easter: This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Lent as a time of change and of growing to be more like Jesus by following his example. Children will explore various aspects of Jesus' message and ways in which Christians can apply these to real life situations. Children will also learn about the important events of Holy Week and how they tell of the last days of Jesus' life on earth. Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of the season of Easter as a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Maths

Measurement: Children will measure the length and height of objects using both non-standard and standard units. They will compare and order different objects. Children will measure weight and volume. They will discuss whether objects are heavier or lighter and begin to calculate weight using non-standard units. Children will also investigate the volume of different containers.

English

Stories about fantasy worlds: Children to link in their learning of space and using the Pixar films as visual stimulus. The children will look at a range of fantasy settings from a variety of stories. Pupils will practise writing about and including fantasy settings within their stories and writing. Children will build up to writing their own story that is based in a fantasy land using the boxing clever structure.

Non Fiction - Information Texts: Children will look the layout and features of an information text. Children will then use this format to write their own information texts. Children will look at other examples in Non-fiction books and printed information texts.

Science

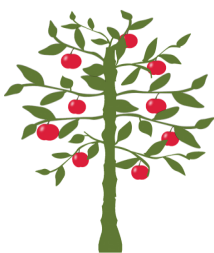
Plants: Children will describe and identify a variety of common plants, including trees. They will label the different parts and begin to look at the jobs that they do. Children will investigate how to grow healthy plants and the importance of water to keep plants alive.

Geography

The pupils will learn about the school grounds and will also become more familiar with using a compass.

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Story reading ideas for this term:

- *Avocado Baby* by John Burningham
- *The Days The Crayons Quit* by Oliver Jeffers
- *You Can't take An Elephant On The Bus* by Patricia Cleveland-Peck



Factual reading ideas for this term:

- *Women In Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed The World* by Rachel Ignotofsky
- *The Bacteria Book: Gross Germs, Vile Viruses And Funky Fungi* by Steve Mould

Fancy reading a magazine? Have you tried one of these?

- First News
- The Week Junior
- The Beano
- Jacqueline Wilson Magazine
- National Geographic Kids

Books we have been enjoying this term:

- *Tiddalik the Frog*
- *The Tiger who came to Tea*
- *Owl Babies*
- Michael Rosen's poetry
- *Fantastic Mr Fox*

