

Saint Martin de Porres

Catholic Primary School



Year 2

Autumn term 2019

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable holiday. 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.



Please support your child to read everyday. 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

Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly named.

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 and needs to be handed in by a Wednesday.

Home Reading Books and Spellings are sent out weekly, the day will vary according to the group that your child is in. Please ensure that you sign their diary every time you read together so we can see how they are doing.

Class Library Books are available for your child as soon as they have finished the one they have. Please do take the time to share these before bedtime.

Lining Up In The Morning Mr Gray has asked that all classes line up according to the house that they are in. We know that they are just getting used to this but they are doing extremely well. We do ask that you encourage your child to line up on their own and that parents do not crowd around them as they line up.



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OUR LEARNING IN AUTUMN 1



Maths

Counting, Partitioning and calculating- Children will learn to read and write two-digit numbers and know which numbers are odd and which are even. They will count objects by putting them into groups. Children will learn how to partition numbers, write numbers in order and position them on a number line.

Addition and subtraction- children will learn how to add and subtract using a given method. They will then apply this to help them with word problems.

English

Narrative-Traditional tales: Children will be working towards their own written version of a traditional narrative that links to the theme 'Under the Sea'. They will focus on writing sentences that include capital letters and full stops. They will be encouraged to write extended sentences using a range of conjunctions.

Poetry: Children will focus on writing their own poems based on the theme 'Under The Sea.' They will use rhyme, alliteration and similes.

RE

The Old Testament-Stories and Prayer, Sharing in the life of Jesus: The children will look into the stories and characters of the Old Testament as well as looking at the important images of God found in these scriptures. They will get the opportunity to extend their knowledge and understanding of the life of Mary and Jesus and the call of the disciples. Here they will learn about some saints who have responded to the call of Jesus in particular, Juan Diego, the allocated class saint.

Science

Plants: Children will be studying the lifecycle of plants and finding out about the different plants in the local area. They will focus on the changes that happen to plants throughout their lives. Also the children will look at what plants need to be healthy.

Computing

Algorithms: Children will make simple algorithms (set of instructions) for a computer to follow. They will also begin to look at debugging programs.

Theme

Under the Sea: Children will learn the names and locations of the continents and oceans, describe the position of the continents and oceans in relation to each other and cross reference between maps. Children will investigate the habitat of a variety of plants and animals that live under the sea, in the ocean, in a river and in a pond. Children will identify reasons as to why the plant/animal lives there and if they could survive in a different habitat. They will also design and create their own sea creature.

PE

Gymnastics - Children will focus on increasing their range of basic gymnastic skills. They will create simple sequences and will then transfer what they learn on the floor to apparatus.



OUR LEARNING IN AUTUMN 2



Maths

Securing number facts, relationships and calculating- here the children will learn counting on and back from different numbers in 2s, 3's, 5s and 10s to build up the 2, 5, or 10 times-tables. They will double numbers to 20 and corresponding halves as well as describing patterns and relationships involving numbers.

Money- children will recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p) and combine amounts to make a particular value. They will find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money and solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change.

RE

Advent: Describe the advent wreath and explain how it helps us prepare for Christmas- Children will recall the story of the Annunciation and identify why it was important for Mary to say yes. They will also sequence the events of Christmas and identify the difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph at different parts of the story.

Special celebrations- children will look at ways in which the church celebrates the major seasons in the liturgical year.



Science

Living Things and their Habitats - Children will learn to understand the difference between living and non living things. They will explore different habitats, food chains and adaptations.

PE

Dance: children think about how to use movement to explore and communicate ideas and issues, and their own feelings and thoughts.

Invasion games: In all games activities, children have to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to out-wit the opposition.

English

Narrative- Familiar Settings- The children will read and discuss the story 'The Bear Under the Stairs' which is set in the home. The children will then plan their own alternative of 'Something Under the Bed'. They will learn a range of sentence types with a focus on adjectives.

Non-Fiction-Information texts- children will look at a variety of non-fiction texts. The children will write a non chronological report on The Great Fire of London as well as an information leaflet.

Computing

We are Games Testers- In this unit the children will try and work out how some simple Scratch games work. They also look at free online or open source games and share their favourite games with the class.

Theme

The Great Fire of London: The children will look at the following aspects in their theme: Where and when did the Great Fire begin? What happened in the fire? Why did it spread so far? How do we know what happened? What have we learnt about the Great Fire? The children will create their own representation of 'The Great Fire of London' through art.

Story reading ideas for this term:

- The Snail And The Whale - Julia Donaldson
- Rainbow Fish - Marcus Pfister
- Commotion in The Ocean - Giles Andreae
- The Fish Who Could Wish - John Bush
- Winnie and Wilbur Under the Sea - Valerie Thomas
- Non Fiction Texts -



Factual reading ideas for this term:

- Great Fire Of London, living things, habitats

We would just like to remind you that we do encourage all of our children to read as many books as they can from the Year 1 and Year 2 100 recommended books list. You will have received a copy of this list last year but we will make sure they are available to you again.



We look forward to teaching your children this year. Please know that we very much have an open door policy and are always here if you have any concerns or questions. There will be times throughout the year when we will invite you in to school to share information and ideas about how best to support your child. Please try to attend any workshops and events we invite you to. A strong home-school relationship will reap benefits for your child and their progress. Here's to a fantastic academic year together!

Mrs Harkin, Mrs Braithwaite and Mrs Kausar