

Saint Martin de Porres

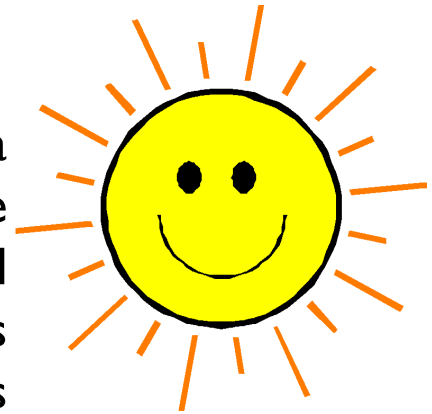
Catholic Primary School



Year 2

Spring Term 2020

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to another exciting and busy term. Please look out for the dates for workshops that are coming up this term.



Please continue 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

Miss Hughes will be returning at the beginning of February. She will then be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Harkin will continue to teach Thursday and Friday.

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 - Half term revision packs will be sent out with guidance. A task a week has been set and these are expected to be completed and returned at the end of the half term not weekly.

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.

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





OUR LEARNING IN SPRING 1

Maths

Multiplication and division

The children will be introduced to multiplication as groups of. They will look at arrays and sets of objects forming multiplication sentences. The children will also be introduced to division as sharing. They will make links between multiplication and division, knowing their inverses.

Shape

The children will investigate shape. They will identify and describe the properties of 2D shape, including the number of sides. The children will study 3d shapes and identify vertices, edges and faces. The children will order and arrange combinations of mathematical objects in patterns and sequences.

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Parables and Miracles

The children will develop their understanding of Jesus' parables and miracles. They will develop a greater understanding of who Jesus is and what his ministry was. They will explore the parable of The Prodigal Son, the miracle of The wedding at Cana and The Calming of The Storm.

Music

The children will familiarise themselves with the glockenspiel and learn how to play. They will aim at performing 'Happy Birthday' on the glockenspiel from memory.

English

Recount writing

The children will explore and become familiar with the features of recount writing and write their own.

Narrative - adventure stories

Children will create their own adventure story where their own superhero goes on an adventure to rescue someone or something. Children will use the 'boxing clever' template to complete this unit.

Poetry

Children hear, read and respond to poems and write their own simple poem based on a superhero. They will learn to include rhyme, similes and alliteration.

Science

Grouping and changing materials

- children learn to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. They learn about some of the ways materials can be changed and that heating can cause changes which produce materials which are often useful.

PE

Invasion Games

The children improve and apply their basic skills in games. They play games that demand simple choices and decisions on how to use space to avoid opponents, keep the ball and score points.



Computing

Children will be using floor turtles and creating algorithms to make the turtles move. They will then move on to working with 'Jit 5' program to move their own sprite using an algorithm that they have written.

Theme

Famous people

We will be looking at significant people in History and how their lives have impacted our lives today. Our focus will be on the lives of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale, we will be looking at their journeys, their role as nurses and key facts from their lives.

Superheroes

We will be designing, making and evaluating a superhero puppet. You will be invited to an inspire workshop to help make a puppet. Information to follow!



OUR LEARNING IN SPRING 2

Maths

Fractions

The children will begin to investigate fractions. They will recognise, find, name and write fractions. They will find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of lengths, shapes, sets of objects and quantities. They will write simple fractions and recognise equivalent fractions.

Length and Height

The children will be measuring height and length in m and cm using rulers, tapes, metre sticks and metre wheels. They will then be comparing and ordering lengths. Further to this they will be solving calculations involving the four operations.

RE

Lent

Children will look at the traditions of Lent and the importance of forgiveness during this time. They will think about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prayers of forgiveness.

Holy Week

Easter

Children will learn the symbols of Easter and Pentecost. They will describe the disciples' responses to Jesus' resurrection and understand the ways that the Holy Spirit helps people today.

Science

Electricity – appliances

Children are introduced to the concept of electricity and the essential role it plays in everyday life. Children will explore and test circuits and make observations.

PE

Tennis

The children will learn skills and techniques for playing tennis.



English

Narrative

Different stories by the same author. The children will read several books by the author. Compare similarities and differences and express personal response. Find out more about the author. Draw attention to features of the author's style.

Non Fiction

Explanation Texts: Children look at a variety of explanation texts and highlight their features. They will also look at the difference between writing in the past and present tense.

Computing

Children will be using the software JIT5 to create an E Book on a non-fiction topic around animals, habitats and food chains. They will be expected to edit font colours and sizes, import pictures and diagrams.

Theme

Mexico

The children will compare and contrast an overseas locality. The children will also explore the food, fashion and culture in this country. They will also look at the art work of Diego Rivera and create their own artwork using him as a model.

Story reading ideas for this term:

- The Twits - Roald Dahl
- Esiotrot - Roald Dahl
- Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl
- Funny Bones - Allan Ahlberg
- Burglar Bill - Allan Ahlberg
- Happy Families Sereies inc. Mrs Wobble The Waitress, Mrs Vole The Vet, Miss Jump The Jockey and Mr Tick The Teacher - Allan Ahlberg
- The Pencil - Allan Ahlberg



Factual reading ideas for this term:

- Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Electricity, Materials and their properties

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.



Please remember 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 another fantastic half term together!

Mrs Harkin, Mrs Braithwaite and Mrs Kausar