

Saint Martin de Porres

Catholic Primary School

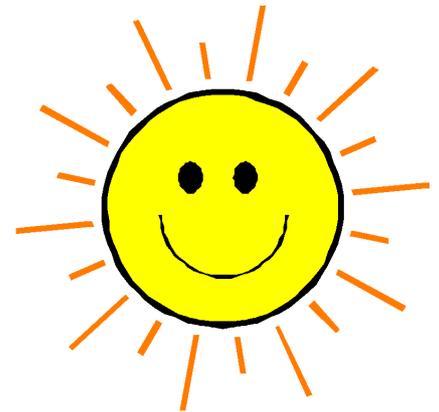


Year 5

Spring Term 2021

Welcome back and I hope you have had a lovely Christmas break.

As always, keep an eye 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 named, reusable bottle should be brought to school everyday. Water, not squash or juice.



PE kit is needed in school, everyday. All items must be named.

Homework will be sent out on Friday. Maths homework can be paper based. Just let us know if that's what you want.

Timestables rockstars should be done at least 4 times each week.

Mass will be led by Year 5 this term. Please check the newsletter for dates and look out for your invitation.





OUR LEARNING IN SPRING 1

RE

Christmas: year 5 will explore the visit of the Wise Men and their encounter with Herod.

Baptism: the children will learn to understand the role of John the Baptist in the baptism of Jesus. They will also look at the symbols of baptism.

Parables and Sayings of Jesus: the children will learn, discuss and write about parables including the Good Samaritan. They will look at the relevance of the parables to our lives today.

Maths

Multiplication and Division: Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one- or two-digit number using a formal written method, including long multiplication for two-digit numbers. Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a one-digit number using the formal written method of short division and interpret remainders appropriately for the context

Fractions: We will be comparing and ordering fractions, identifying equivalent fractions, recognising mixed number and improper fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, multiplying fractions, read and write decimal numbers as fractions and finally solve problems. based on the above.

English

Narrative: We be exploring ways to make our descriptive writing more exciting by using a variety of sentence types. We will be using a story as a stimulus to create our own settings and continue a story.

Biographies: Children will have the opportunity to read and find features of biographies. They will have the opportunity to write a biography of their own on a person of their choice.

Science

Earth and Space: Children will be studying the position of the planets in the solar system and how they move around the Sun. They will also be learning about the individual planets.

PE

Gymnastics: Pupils will create longer sequences to perform for an audience. They learn a wider range of actions and explore more difficult ways to perform.

Theme

South America: This term we are switching our focus to Geography. In the first Half term we will be looking at the human geography of South America. We will be mapping the countries, then focusing on the human geography of individual countries. We will also be looking at trade and especially fair trade.

Music

Pupils will be exploring orchestral music that tells a story, specifically the Planets Suite. They will also be experiencing with creating their own music using percussion instruments.

Baghdad AD 900: early Islamic civilization as a contrast to Europe. This study includes the importance of religion, trade and learning in the development civilisations.

Computing

The children will be using Power Point to create their own non-fiction presentation. Using the variety of tools and presentational devices available to make their presentation attractive and effective.



OUR LEARNING IN SPRING 2



RE

Lent : We will focus on learning to overcome temptation through Lenten observance.

Holy Week: we will learn about the events of the last week of Jesus' life. The children will learn to understand the reasons why some people wanted to kill Jesus. We will know the story of the Passover and recognise key links between this story, the Last Supper, and the celebration of Mass.

Easter: In this unit the children learn about the Church's Celebration of Easter through the Easter Vigil. They will learn about the Church's belief in eternal life through the Easter Story and the Story of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

Science

Earth and Space: children will also be looking at how the seasons are created as well as looking at why we have night and day. We will also be looking at the moon and the relationship it has with the earth.



Maths

Decimals: We will read, write order and compare decimals, round decimals, multiply and divide a whole number by decimals and finally solve problems based on the above.

Percentages: The children will learn to understand what percent means and write fractions as percentages. They will also solve problems which require percentage and decimal equivalents.

English

Older Literature: They will widen their experience of older literature: read extracts aloud and watch extracts of classic TV/film adaptations.

Poetry: Children will read and perform a variety of poems by well-known poets. Children to write their own poems in a similar style.

Theme

South America: The focus will then shift to the physical geography of South America. We will be looking at how this varies throughout the continent and the reasons for this. We will also be looking closer at the mountain ranges exploring how they were formed and how they are used by humans.

PE

Striking & Fielding: Children will learn how to play the different roles of bowler, wicket keeper, fielder and batter. They will develop their throwing and catching skills. They will also develop tactical skills, in order to improve their understanding of the game.



Computing

Art: The pupils will explore geometric art taking inspiration from the work of Escher, Riley and traditional Islamic artists. They will create their own pieces based on these artists.

Story reading ideas for this term:

- Boy by Roald Dahl
- Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- Any book by Michael Morpugo



Factual reading ideas for this term:

- Anything related to Space or South America

Please remember that we very much have an open door policy and are always here if you have any concerns or questions.

We will be looking to take the Children to the Space Centre in Spring 2 to give them more insight into our Science topic.

I also have plenty of booster work for children, if required, just let me know and I will sort it out for you.

Mr Clark

