



## ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

### Important dates

20<sup>th</sup> September- Happy Bag Collection

Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September- Cycle to school week

25<sup>th</sup> September- Inset Day

27<sup>th</sup> September- Macmillian Coffee morning

Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> September- Month of the Holy Rosary

2<sup>nd</sup> October- Inset Day

3<sup>rd</sup> October- Harvest Festival

18<sup>th</sup> October- Show Racism the Red Card

### How to help at home

Our main focus is to continue practising the children's letter and number formation (these can be found on our school website). Also, counting in maths this half term. Please count everything! Stairs, signs, different colour cars, houses etc.

Make up stories together verbally, encouraging your child's imagination. Your child may then want to write it down or create a book or comic of the story that you shared together.

Sing songs together. This will help with your child's memory. There are lots of educational songs online. Even make up your own to help them remember how to spell tricky words! Find your inner Rockstar!

Continue reading with your child when possible. Please refer to your child's reading record for ideas.

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1 and welcome back to another school year. We hope that you and your families have had a relaxing and safe holiday break, ready for the start of the new term.

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning about during this term. We hope that you find it helpful but please do not hesitate to ask throughout the year if you ever have any concerns or questions.

# Year 1 Autumn 1

### In RE this half term...

Our topic is '**Creation and Covenant**'.

This term we will be looking at the story of Creation in Genesis 1:1-4,24-26, which is an ancient, prayerful, poetic reflection on God's world. The children will be retelling this story through artistic responses. The children will then focus on the creation of humans and learn about the Church teaching that humans have the responsibility to care for God's world.

### Useful links for Phonics

Information about the Phonics Screening Check:  
[https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jg\\_cgAqed/CrUriU1U](https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jg_cgAqed/CrUriU1U)

How to say the sounds:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1bluklf2/paxz1hZ3>

Reading the stretchy sounds:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sAr0ic60/LVjOFjZT>

Reading the bouncy sounds:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6hGapMev/JNxWIXi5>

Reading the diagraphs:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ILt2yRjf/JlhZGSzn>

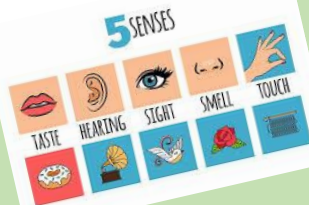
### In English...

The children will be starting their Phonics sessions. They will be reading in class and using the books for writing. Books will be sent home when they finish in class as a 'show off' opportunity alongside an unseen book of the same level. Children will be reassessed as we go along to ensure they are in the correct group throughout the year and at the end of every half term.



### In Science...

Our Science topic this half term is 'Animals, including Humans'. The children will be learning to name the parts of their bodies and explore their different senses. The children will also throughout the year learn about the seasons.



### In Music...

Unit Topic/Theme: Exploring rhythm and pulse.

### In Geography...

Our topic is 'Weather'.

The children will learn about ...

- We will look at what the weather is like in our local area.
- We will learn about different weather tools.
- The children will look at different weather symbols and present to the class their very own weather forecast.

### In Maths...

This term we will be reading and writing numbers to 20 and knowing their place value. We will also be looking at number bonds within 10. The children will be working on simple addition and subtraction and learning how to record them. We will also be sharpening children's mental arithmetic skills.

### PE ...

**Both classes are on Monday and Thursday.**

#### Games

In games we will be looking at developing throwing and catching skills as well as working as a team member.

#### Gymnastics

Our topic is travelling. We will be exploring different ways of travelling using apparatus.

### In D&T...

In class the children will be creating a windmill. They will identify some features that would appeal to the client (a mouse) and create a suitable design. Explain how their design appeals to the mouse. Make stable structures, which will eventually support the turbine, out of a paper cup and toothpick.



### In RHE...

Created and Loved by God. Created and Loved by God explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are created by God out of love and for love, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

### In ICT...

We are looking at 'Improving mouse skills'.

Children will learn how to

- Use computers more purposefully
- Log in and navigate around a computer
- Drag, drop, click and control a cursor using a mouse
- Use software tools to create art on the computer