



## ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

### Important dates

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – World Afro Day  
Workshop

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September – School open day for  
70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (12pm-4pm)

WB 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Cycle to school week

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Show racism the red card

### How to help at home

In Year 6, we stress the importance of daily reading, both in class and at home. We would ask that parents/carers endeavour to hear their child read at least twice a week.

Continue to encourage your child to read for pleasure including magazines, and news of their choice. Engage your child in conversation about what they are reading and their thoughts on the text.

Please support your children with their homework where possible and encourage them to bring their homework in on time. Please also encourage your child to ask for help and support from us when needed before the homework is due.

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a happy and safe summer, and that the children are ready for the exciting year ahead.

Homework will be set on Google Classroom each Friday and it must be handed in on Friday morning the following week. Each week, your child will receive spellings, maths homework and an additional piece of work related to our learning in school. The spellings that your child is given should be practised in preparation for a test on Friday the following week.

We are looking forward to all of the wonderful memories that will be made this year.  
The Year 6 team.

**Year 6**  
**Autumn 1**

### In RE this half term...

The children's topic of learning is 'Creation and Covenant'. We will be exploring Genesis 2 and 3 and asking the question 'What does Genesis 2 and 3 reveal about God?'. We will be reading parts of Laudato Si and exploring how it links to the Church's teachings. The children will then be re-telling the story of Moses and show understanding of an Old Testament passage showing the importance of women in history.

### Useful websites

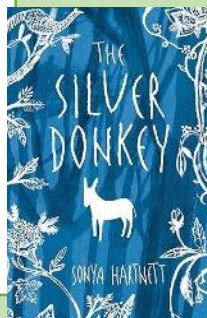
BBC Bitesize is a great tool for revision  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

<https://mathsbot.com/primary/ks2> -  
Digital arithmetic papers

### In English...

We will be reading 'The Silver Donkey' by Sonya Hartnett. We will write diary entries, narratives and recounts and plan and write a debate and create story maps.

We will continue to teach and revise the range of punctuation taught at KS2 and work on using this punctuation accurately in our writing across all subjects. During our guided reading sessions, we will extend the children's vocabulary by discussing the meaning of unknown words and learn the skills needed to answer different types of comprehension questions. We will also have a weekly spelling and grammar lesson.



### In Geography...

The children will be continuing their work on their topic 'Interconnected Amazon' they they started in Year 5 before moving onto learning all about Energy and Climate change.

### In History...

The children will be continuing their work on their topic 'The Maya' that they started in Year 5.

### In Maths...

**Number and place value** – read, write, order, compare and round numbers up to 10 million in a variety of contexts. Determine the value of each digit in numbers up to 10 million. Use negative numbers in context and calculate intervals across zero.

#### **Addition /Subtraction /Multiplication /Division**

- Adding and subtracting integers.
- Common factors and Common multiples
- Square, Cube and Prime numbers
- Multiplying up to a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number
- Solving problems with multiplication
- Short division
- Division using factors
- Long division (with and without remainders)
- Solving multi-step problems
- Order of operations
- Mental calculations and estimation

### In Art...

For our first Art topic this year, we will be looking at painting and mixed media. We will be exploring a selection of artists and paintings to inspire the children to create art of their own.

### In RHE...

The children will be exploring the topic 'Religious Understanding: Me, My Body, Health' including discussions around emotional wellbeing.

### Music...

The topic for this half term is "Physical Rhythm"

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### PE...

Indoor PE - gymnastics (counter balance and counter tension)  
Outdoor PE – Net and Wall Games. Developing Game play.

### French...

The topic for this half term is "At School".

### In ICT...

The children's first topic is 'Bletchley Park and the history of computers. We will be visiting the ICT suite in school but also using other forms of technology within the classroom.