



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates:

November:

- Fri 8th – photo day
- Tues 12th - Parents' Evening in school (4Y only)
- Wed 13th – Parents' Evening in school (4G and 4Y)
- Weds 20th - Parents' Evening in school (4G only)

December:

- Thurs 5th – Flu vaccinations (for Reception to Yr6)
- Sat 7th Dec – Christmas Bazaar
- Mon 9th 7pm – Yrs 3&4 Christmas Carol Service at St Monica's Church
- Wed 18th – Christmas dinner day
- Thurs 19th – Christmas party day
- Fri 20th – Break up at 1pm

How can you help at home?

Please ensure your child continues to practise their times tables at home. The focus should be on any incorrect answers from their times tables challenges in school.

Here is a list of spellings that you might like to regularly practise with your child at home (please see page 16):

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf

Please listen to your child read every night and ask them questions about the text.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another half term!

Please can you replenish your child's pencil case for the next half term. They will need blue biros, HB pencils and colouring pencils and pens. Please also ensure that they have their own glue stick and at least one whiteboard pen so that they are ready to take part in lessons. Thank you.

The Year 4 Team

In RE this half term...

Our topic is called 'Prophecy and Promise' and we will be learning:

- about the incarnation - the coming of the spirit of God in human form
- that 'Christ' (Greek) and 'Messiah' (Hebrew) are titles given to Jesus, which mean 'anointed one'
- about the Nicene Creed
- about the ways in which the birth of Jesus is celebrated today

Key vocabulary: Luke's Gospel, prophet, Advent, Messiah, incarnation, Israelites, Gentile, Saviour, redemption, Nicene Creed

Useful websites:

Maths

- <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/mtc>
- <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

History

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8>

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In English...

Our class book is called: 'Pugs of the Frozen North' by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. We will be reading this exciting illustrated novel which will take us on an Arctic adventure to the North Pole!

The children will explore what the key features of a non-chronological report are, before writing one themselves. They will also create a programme for a race (based on 'The Great Northern Race' – an event which takes part in the story).

In science...

Our topic is called 'Animals including Humans'. We will be grouping animals and exploring food chains/webs. We will be learning about the main body parts associated with the digestive system, for example, mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach and the small and large intestines. We will also be learning about teeth and comparing the teeth of carnivores and herbivores, and suggesting reasons for these differences.

In Music:

We are learning a range of winter celebration songs and developing singing technique.

In PE...

For this half term, due to hall availability, we will have one lesson of PE each week. Please come into school wearing your PE kit on Wednesdays. Our topic is called: Outdoor and adventurous activities – this unit will help to develop teamwork and orienteering skills. We will also be completing the Daily Mile each day.

In history...

Our new topic is called 'The Roman Empire'. We will be learning about the structure of the Roman army and a key historical figure called Julius Caesar. We will also be learning about Augustus, Claudius and Nero.

Our focus will then turn to Pompeii and the eruption of Vesuvius. During this lesson, we will understand that different sources of information help us to understand what happened in the past. To conclude, we will learn about the Jewish-Roman war.

In geography...

The children will now be learning about 'Population'. We will identify what is meant by the terms: 'population', 'dense population' and 'sparse population'. Next, we will learn about migration and why people migrate from rural areas to urban areas and vice versa. We will be looking at how both London and Cardiff are multi-ethnic cities. The final focus of this topic will be on the Welsh language and culture, along with Welsh and British identity.

In French:

We will be learning about the Seasons

In RHE...

The children will recognise that people are unique and that our similarities and differences should be celebrated. Pupils will also explore the importance of respecting our bodies as a gift from God in very practical ways, such as clothing, food and physical exercise. They will reflect on their bodies as a gift from God that He wants us to look after and respect.

In maths...

Multiplication and Division

We will be learning to multiply and divide by 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12. We will also be multiplying and dividing by 0 and 1, before progressing to multiplying 3 numbers together. E.g.:

Find the products.

$$5 \times 2 \times 6$$

$$8 \times 4 \times 5$$

$$2 \times 8 \times 6$$

In D&T...

Our topic is called 'Structure: Pavilions'. The children will be designing a stable pavilion structure that is aesthetically pleasing and selecting materials to create a desired effect. They will build different shaped frame structures designed to support weight.

In computing...

Our topic is called: Programming 1: Further coding with Scratch.

The children will be able to:

- Understand how to create a simple script in Scratch.
- Add or change a sprite and prevent it from rotating.
- Use decomposition to identify key features and understand how to decipher actions that make the quiz game work.
- Understand what a variable is and how to use the 'say' and 'ask' blocks.
- Create a variable and be able to use a variable to record a score.
- Understand what a variable is and how it works within a program.