



## ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

### Important dates:

**17/01 – Auditions start for 'A Star is Born'**  
**30/01 – 9.15am Infants & Yr3 'A Star is Born' dress rehearsal for whole school. 7pm evening performance**  
**03/02 - Children's Mental Health Week**  
**11/02 – Safer Internet Day**  
**14/02 – Break up for half term**

### How to help at home:

Please practise your child's reading daily – this only has to be for a few minutes.

Please continue to encourage your child to be as independent as possible with dressing, toileting, using a knife and fork and getting their bag ready for school (with their water bottle, coat etc).

Please continue to encourage your child to practise writing their name using the name label you were given at your child's home visit. Please remember we only use capital letters for the first letter of their name. Please also continue to work on number and letter formation at home.

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. This term the children will be learning about 'People Who Help Us'. We will be asking some of our emergency services to come in to meet the children and talk about what they do. We will also be asking any parents who work in these services if they would be willing to come in to share information about their roles.

We look forward to another busy half term and watching your children flourish even more.

# Reception Spring 1

### In RE this half term...

Our new topic is called Galilee to Jerusalem

The children will learn about:

- The visit of the Magi (Matt 2:1-12).
- The story of the Feeding of 5000 (Jn 6:1-14) and key events.
- The Glory Be prayer

### Useful websites:

[Spell Tricky Words Games](#)

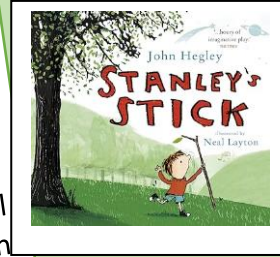
[Alphablocks - CBeebies - BBC](#)

[15 Hands-On Activities to Promote Pincer Grasp Development](#)

[Numberblocks Make and Play Game - CBeebies](#)

### In Literacy...

In literacy, our core text will be 'Stanley's Stick'. We will use the story to develop the children's imagination and expressive language. The children will be introduced to the idea of describing words and how to use them in a sentence. We will begin to develop the children's writing skills further by encouraging them to use their knowledge of sounds to spell words and to use their red words in writing. We will begin to encourage children to write simple sentences. We will introduce punctuation, such as the use of finger spaces. The children will begin to write short phrases, rehearsing out loud what they want to write, and composing sentences. The children will continue to work on their handwriting and pencil grip.



### In Physical Development...

The children will learn basic gymnastic skills. They will explore creating shapes, balances and jumps. They will learn how to be aware of their space and how to use it safely and perform basic skills on the floor and apparatus. They will begin to put together a sequence.

### In RHE...

Children will learn about:

- How to look after their body
- How to have a healthy lifestyle
- Personal hygiene

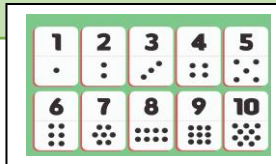
### In Expressive Arts & Design...

The children will be:

- Learning how to manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect.
- create simple represents of people, events and objects
- we will create a seasonal craft for Easter

### In Mathematics...

We will be learning about:



- comparing numbers from 0 to 10 and looking at the composition of these numbers.
- making pairs and combining 2 groups.
- number bonds to 10, for example  $6 + 4$
- comparing mass and capacity

### In Music...

The children will be learning a range of songs, instrumental and movement activities.

### In Communication and Language...

The children will be encouraged to:

- listen attentively in a range of situations.
- listen in a group and talk about what they have heard.
- be able to use directions.
- use talk to explain about people who are important to them and why

### In Personal, Social & Emotional Development.

We will look at the need for certain people in the community. We will talk about significant events in their lives. We will look closer at the children's interests and opinions.

### In Understanding the World...

We will be looking at the people who help us in our community and school. We will continue to look at seasonal changes and focus on changes that occur in Winter to Spring. We will be learning about exciting festivals that happen at this time of the year, such as Lunar New Year and Holi Festival. We will also learn about St Patrick's Day. We will look at our school's location and places nearby of importance – e.g. local Fire station, Police station, train station, hospital. We will begin to experiment with Bee bots.