



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates

w/c 13th Jan – A Star is Born auditions in school
15th Jan – 5Y Class Mass in school
16th Jan – Swimming starts for 5Y
22nd Jan - 5G Class Mass in school
27th Jan – Holocaust Memorial Day
w/c 3rd Feb – Children's Mental Health week
11th Feb – Safer Internet Day

General Information Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to 2025.

Please check with your child that their pencil case contains the following: pencil, eraser, blue ballpoint pen (not a fountain/ink pen), glue stick (not coloured), sharpener, coloured pencils, felt tips, highlighters (green, blue and yellow) and a whiteboard pen (black or blue).

We would really appreciate it if you could send in a box of tissues and some kitchen towels for the classroom if you have not done so already.

RE

Galilee to Jerusalem

We will focus on:

- the Rosary as a prayerful reflection on the life of Christ
- recognise the significance of Jesus' actions and teaching in and around Galilee
- explore the narrative of Zacchaeus

How to help at home

Encourage your child to read at home and where possible hear them read and discuss their reading with them.

Check that they have completed their homework.
Encourage them to play on TT Rockstars to develop their times tables knowledge.

Useful websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - resources to support across all subject areas
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - times table game
<https://nrich.maths.org/8960> - maths challenges
<https://www.grammar-monster.com/> - grammar lessons and games

Year 5
Spring 1 2025

English

Our class book is 'Dark Sky Park' by Phillip Gross

We will:

- write our own poems based on poems read
- write a non-chronological report

Science

Our next topic is 'Forces'.
We will be learning about:

- the force of gravity
- air resistance, water resistance and friction
- levers, pulleys and gears as mechanisms

PE

Please remember that the only jewellery allowed are stud earrings and they must be removed if possible on PE days. If they cannot be removed, then they must be covered with tape before the start of the lesson.

5Y – Swimming (this will be one of the weekly PE lessons) starts on Thursday 16th January. 5G will have their swimming lessons in the summer term.

5G - Invasion Games: Support play and positioning
Gymnastics: Flight

History

'Anglo-Saxon Britain'. We will learn about the start of Britain's Anglo-Saxon age and how and why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain.

Music

Children will have a weekly lesson with Mr Charles-Nelson. They will be learning about minor scales and chords

French

Children will be looking at the topic "Pets"

Maths

Fractions (A) (cont from Autumn)
Multiplication and Division B

Multiply numbers up to four digits by a 1 or 2-digit number
Divide numbers up to four digits by a 1-digit number and interpret remainders.

Art: I need space

Explore the impact and purpose of images from the 'Space race' era from the 1950s and 1960s
Combine drawing with collagraph and print making to create a futuristic image.

Geography

Our new topic is 'Migration'. Children will be learning about:

- the reasons for migration and how migration changes places
- refugees, persecution, asylum, asylum seekers and the challenges for refugees.
- migration and identity with examples from diverse settings

Computing

Data handling: Mars Rover 1 identify some of the types of data that the Mars Rover collects and explain how it is transmitted back to Earth.
Explore binary numbers.

E-Safety

- identify online bullying and how to deal with it.

RHE

Self-talk: explore pressures that can come from children themselves
Sharing isn't always caring: make safe and sensible decisions about what content to share or not share, including photos, passwords and other personal information.