



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates

A Star is Born auditions – Thursday 16th January
Animal workshop – 28th January
6Y Class Assembly – 13th February
Hilltop/RHE meeting – 7pm on 13th February
6G Class Assembly – 27th February
Hilltop – 10th - 14th March

How to help at home

Continue to encourage your child to read at home, both books from school and books, magazines, and news of their choice. Engage your child in conversation about what they are reading and their thoughts on the text. One of the things we do in Year 6 is to ask the children to use point, evidence, explanation verbally to ensure they can evidence their points and then explain them clearly and coherently. This prepares them for the types of questions they will answer in their SATs.

In class, we have been discussing the importance of healthy habits and sleep. The children really need to support their well-being by getting enough sleep, and looking after their hygiene. This is also

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

We have a very exciting half term ahead. The children will be taking part in cookery classes to prepare them for making their own healthy snacks at home.

Children will be expected to take ownership of their learning this half term, making good choices to encourage all of those around them and trying their very best to achieve their full potential.

Year 6
Spring 1

In RE this half term...

The children's topic is called 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. We will be looking at the Rosary and how it is a prayerful reflection on the life of Christ. We will be exploring how scripture is the sacred word of God and how the church helps Catholics to understand the Bible. We will also look at what the disciples see at the Transfiguration

Useful websites

We have completed 2017 and 2018 papers in school so you can look over these at home with your children. Please do not look at any other papers at home, as we will be using these in school.

<https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks2-sats-papers/>

Online revision tools

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

<https://mathsbot.com/primary/ks2Mini>

<https://mathsbot.com/primary/ks2>

<https://www.maths4everyone.com/pages/ks2-sats-practice.php>

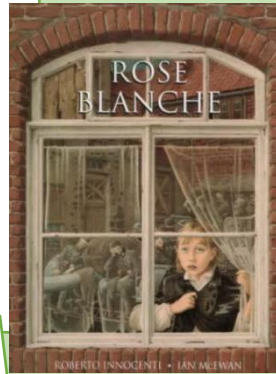
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In English...

Our class book is 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan. This is an exceptionally moving picture book in which the reader views the sorrow of war through a young girl's eyes. Rose Blanche discovers a concentration camp full of children in the forest near her home town and silently takes food to them for the remainder of the war. Heartbreakingly, there is no happy ending for Rose Blanche.

The children will be working on different writing styles including newspaper reports, non-chronological reports and letter writing.

As always, the children will continue their regular reading and grammar lessons to prepare them for their KS2 SATs.



In Design and Technology...

This half term, the children will be taking part in some cookery classes. They will be learning easy ways to cook healthy snacks at home. 6G will take part for three weeks consecutively, and then 6Y will have their three weeks of lessons.

French...

In French this half term, the children will be continuing their learning focusing on 'at the weekend'.

In Maths...

We will be learning about:

- Ratio
- Decimals
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Area, perimeter and volume
- Statistics (data handling)
- Some elements of algebra

(This will be covered over the whole of the spring term, Spring 1 and 2)

As always, the children will be learning both arithmetic and reasoning skills throughout the lessons that we teach in order to prepare them for their KS2 SATs and their learning at secondary school.

In Science...

Children will be beginning their work on Electricity. They will explore symbols and diagrams of circuits and build their own circuit using different components.

Music...

In Music this half term, the children are exploring classical music and learning to play a variety of different melodies on tuned percussion.

In Geography...

The children will be building on their previous history learning about Ethiopia, and learning more about its Geography. They will explore how diverse it is, what it is like to live there as well as exploring climate change in Ethiopia.

PE...

Children will be having both indoor and outdoor PE again this half term, and will still be completing their daily mile on the days that we do not have PE. For indoor PE, the children will be working on dance through visual media. In outdoor PE, the children will be working on the skill of attacking and defending in invasion games

In RHE...

Children will continue to learn about:

- Religious understanding
- Personal relationships
- Keeping safe

In ICT...

The children will be introduced to Python in order to programme an animation. They will be using Micro:bit.