ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates:

Sunday September 13th - Education Sunday - Mass at St Monica's 10:30 – 11:30am. All are welcome.
Thursday 24th September – Flu vaccine given to children with prior consent.
Friday 25th September, 2026 – Macmillan Coffee morning at 9am
Thursday 1st October, 2026 – Month of the Holy Rosary to start (decade of the rosary prayed daily at 8:50am)
Thursday 1st October, 2026 – Feast of St Theresa of Lisieux – learning in school linked to 'doing small things with great love'
Monday 5th October – marking the Feast of St Francis (& start of his Jubilee year) – learning in school linked to the environment
Thursday 8th October, 2026 – Harvest Festival (bring £2 for the St Monica's Church foodbank)
Walk to St Monica's Church – can you help? Leave school 9.50am
2G – Friday 9th October, 2026 2Y – Friday 16th October, 2026
Friday 16th October, 2026 – Show racism the red card (children to come into school wearing red)

How to help at home:

Read with your child daily at home and encourage them to read for their own pleasure.

Revision of place value, identifying how many tens and ones there are in a number. For example, the number 86 has 8 tens and 6 ones.

At home, we recommend giving your child regular opportunities to **write, reread and edit** their work. A simple way to encourage this is to keep a daily diary, allowing your child to practise their writing skills while reflecting on their day. Encourage your child to check whether they have correctly used capital letters and full stops.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful summer break and enjoyed the time as a family.

We are looking forward to getting to know the children this half term.

Here is some information about what your child will be learning over the next few weeks along with some other useful information.

We kindly ask that you please send your child in with kitchen towel and tissues. We greatly value these contributions!

Year 2
Autumn 1

In RE this half term…

Our topic is 'Creation and Covenant' and we will be learning about:

- The **Bible** – recognising that there are two parts: The **Old and New Testament**
- **Noah** and the First Covenant – we will revise the story of Noah and the Great Flood, identifying the **covenant** made with **God**
- Stewardship – we will discuss how Christians must be good Stewards of the Earth to fulfil this covenant
- **Baptism** – exploring how through this **sacrament**, people are forming a personal covenant with God

Useful websites:

BBC Bitesize KS1
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p

Phonics – 10 things to think about when reading with your child
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqhwJhd_fNM

Maths place value games
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/place-value-odd-and-even

In Phonics…

Children were assessed before the summer break and therefore have been placed into a suitable group based on their assessment. Books will be changed each week. Some children are in an Everyone Reading in Class (ERIC) session. In these sessions, the children will read once a week in a small group with the teacher. On the other days they will complete activities to aid their spelling, grammar and writing skills.

In English…

The children will be reading 'The Secret Sky Garden ' by Linda Sarah and Fiona Lumbers. They will be learning how to make persuasive posters and the features required to write a diary entry in role as a character.

Art…

In Art this half term, the children will explore drawing techniques using different materials. They will also describe texture through touch and rubbings. The children will develop their tonal shading skills using control and pressure. This will lead to their final piece, where the children will use tone and texture to create an observational drawing of a teddy.

In Maths…

Place value

We will be:

- Counting forwards and backwards
- Looking at the value of tens and ones digits
- Count and compare objects
- Represent numbers to 100 using part-whole models and place value charts
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s

Addition and Subtraction

We will be learning about:

- Fact families to 20
- Comparing number sentences
- Bonds to 100
- Adding and subtracting 1s
- Finding 10 more and 10 less of a number

In Science…

We will be starting our topic 'Animals' Needs for Survival':

- Children will learn about and identify the survival needs for mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and humans.
- They will consider the similarities and differences between these needs.
- The children will consider what they can do to take care of the animal groups.

In Geography …

We will begin our topic 'London', where we will identify London boroughs, human and physical landmarks, transport and cultures.

We will then move onto 'Our World', learning about the seven continents and five oceans. This learning will continue into Autumn 2.

In PE…

- Outdoor PE: Tag games – learn to play/play as a pair with the sports coach
- Indoor PE: Gymnastics

In RHE…

Children will be learning about being 'Created and Loved by God':

- They will explore being an individual and learn the belief that we are created by God out of love
- Learn the importance of valuing themselves

In Computing…

Our topic is Computing Systems and Networks. The children will learn about:

- What is Information Technology (IT)?
- IT in school
- IT in the world
- The benefits of IT
- Using IT safely and in different ways

In Music…

The children will be exploring rhythm and pulse.