



St. Basil's

Catholic Primary School

In God's love we learn and succeed by sharing and caring together.

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Monthly Curriculum Newsletter



Preschool

Our Preschool have settled into preschool well. We have been learning about our families, ourselves and how we are the same and different.

We have been reading the book Giraffes Can't Dance and we have acted out the story through puppets, drama and created our own giraffe. In Maths we have been singing number songs, exploring numbers and recognising different numerals. We have been representing numbers in different ways.

We have been exploring the outdoor areas and playing in the mid kitchen, as well as going on listening walks around school to identify different sounds.



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The children have settled in really well in St Basil's school life and made new friends! Since the children have started, they have been very busy! We have been talking about ourselves and our families in Understanding the World and we have been learning about all different families and what they might look like.

In art, we have looked at an artist who uses fruit to make pictures! We will be making our own pictures using fruit near the end of half term but this week we have made fruit kebabs- yummy!!

In RE we have been learning about 'Myself', the children brought in some photographs of when they were baptised and shared these with their friends. We have learnt that God loves us all!

In Maths, we have been learning the number 1 and number 2, how to form them correctly and also about careful counting! We know that we need to line up our objects and touch each one as we count.

In English, this week, we have started the Colour Monster book! We will be completing some activities on this story and talking more about our feelings.

In Phonics, we are learning new sounds and learning how to write them correctly.

I am so proud of how the children have settled into school and we will have more to update you on as the weeks go on!

Year 1

Year One have had a wonderful start to the new school year with lots of exciting learning going on. This has included our first RE topic all about 'Families'! We have enjoyed sharing our own experiences of what we like to do with our families, as well as finding out all about the very special holy family with Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

In our English lessons we are loving our text, 'Lost and Found'. We have been writing simple sentences in speech bubbles, labels and descriptions, as well as doing role play to help us understand how the different characters feel at particular times in the story. We have also found out and written facts about penguins – see if we can tell you some of them!

Our Phonics work has been great, using Floppy Phonics to help us learn and remember new sounds that will support us with our reading and writing. We have been using phonics and other skills in our reading sessions, working in groups and as a class to share some fabulous texts together.

In Maths, we have developed our knowledge and skills with number over the past few weeks, with both numerals and words. We have been using equipment, pictures and number lines to solve problems including one more / less than given numbers. Counting backwards has definitely been trickier!

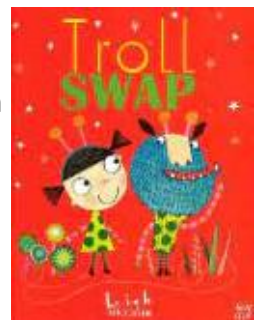
Some of the other great things we have experienced are: Science work on the theme of seasons and weather, learning a rap song in music, learning all about ourselves and how special we are in Personal Development, hockey and gymnastics in PE, Philosophy for Children tasks and discussions about democracy and using the iPads in Computing to log in and out safely! Not forgetting our new Into the Wild sessions of course!

Well done to all of the children for settling so quickly and showing so much effort and enthusiasm - we think this is going to be a great year!

Year 2

What a brilliant half term Year 2 have had! In R.E. we have learnt about Beginnings and have reflected on our time at St Basil's. We have also learnt about 'The Creation Story' and created our own art work to retell a Psalm.

In English, the children have learnt all about the story 'The Troll Swap'. They have created their own trolls and even created a list on how to be a troll. They have been working hard to add noun phrases and conjunctions to their writing. In Reading we have continued with our book 'The Troll' and have predicted, summarised and sequenced within the story.



This term in Maths we have learnt all about place value, addition and subtraction. The children have used a range of apparatus to support their learning such as base ten and counters. We have also enjoyed some Active Maths sessions.

The children have been immersed in their topic about The Great Fire of Nantwich and have produced some fantastic writing. The children have used a range of drama techniques to recreate key events.

In P.E. the children have learnt how to play netball and tennis.

In Computing the children have learnt how to code and have even created their own games. They have worked hard to debug programmes and improve them further.

Year 3

In our first half term in Year 3 we have learnt more about life in the ocean and on land. Our English text is 'Seal Surfer' and we have worked on adding prepositions to our sentences. Our guided reading text is 'The Sea Book' which has taught us non-fiction facts about the oceans.

In Science we have learnt all about the different types of skeletons that animals have and how we keep our bodies healthy with good nutrition.

Our Maths lessons have been all about Place Value. We have learnt to partition numbers up to 1000 in lots of different ways and focused on our reasoning and problem solving skills.

In P.E. we have learnt new skills in Handball and Athletics and used our long jump technique to carry out a Science investigation as a class.

We also went on our first trip of the year to Burwardsley, where we learnt all about the Stone Age and Iron Age, ready for our History topic all about prehistoric life.



Year 4

Year 4 have made an excellent start to this academic year.

In Science we are learning all about animals, including humans. We have learnt what the different types of teeth are and what they are used for.

In Computers, we are learning to code. We have been making characters move with this new skill.

In English we have been reading Gorilla and inferring how Hannah, the main character feels.

As well as all of this we have enjoyed an action packed day at Delamere Forest. Here, we built dens, made fires and pond dipped.

We are also looking forward to our trip to The Synagogue next week.



Year 5

This September we have spent time getting used to our new class teachers and following the new rules on our class charter that we all came up with together and agreed on.

We have been learning about place value in Maths and we are all working really hard because upper Key Stage 2 maths is more advanced than the lower key stage 2.

In English we have been learning about the dare-devil Annie Taylor and her crazy idea to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

In PE we have been improving our skills in football and taking part in mini tournaments.

In RE our focus is about ourselves and how we fit into God's family with our own unique talents and qualities and in science we are learning about the different lifecycles of animals.

We had an amazing trip to Delamere forest where we all went on a big forest walk, took part in orienteering, den building and even learned how to make fire with flint and steel.

Year 6

In English, the book we are reading is named 'Star of fear, Star of hope'. This book links to our history topic 'World War 2'. We have been using speech sandwiches and expanded noun phrases to improve our writing. They are only two of the techniques we have used to build cohesion in our paragraphs. We are currently writing a diary entry from the two viewpoints of the characters 'Helen and Lydia'.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value up to 10,000,000. Sometimes, we do missing numbers. We have also done some sounding! We have written numbers in words and digits in our second week. We have also covered comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000.

Our topic in RE is 'loving'! Some of our key words are unconditional, forgiveness, mercy and prodigal. In 'Explore' we have made posters of what love means. We have written song lyrics about love and forgiveness in the tunes of different hymns. We have also done a collective worship about love, hosted by Grace and Efemena.

Our topic in History is WWII! Our big question is 'What was it like to live in Liverpool during WWII?' We have made posters of the three shelters Morrison, Anderson and Communal as well as talking about the pros and cons of them. Luftwaffe, naval base, evacuation and Blitz are only a few of our key words. We have really enjoyed this topic so far! We also went on a trip to the Museum of Liverpool and learnt all about the Blitz in Liverpool.

During P.E in year 6, we have been doing handball. We asked our class if they had been enjoying our topic and they enthusiastically said 'yes'! We have learnt throwing and catching skills to help us in this game.

In Computing, our topic is coding. We are currently planning a game. Some of our classmates have read out their creative ideas. These games will be more advanced than the ones we did in year 5.

In PD we have learnt about Patrick's life and how it is different to ours as he lives in Ghana and works on the cocoa plantations. He also cut his leg with a machete. Also our lives are different to Wan's because he sees his mum and dad two times a year where as we see them nearly every day. Wan has to live with his Grandpa. We have also filled in a chart about Maslow Hierarchy of needs and put in all of our different needs to build to the top being self-actualisation.

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