



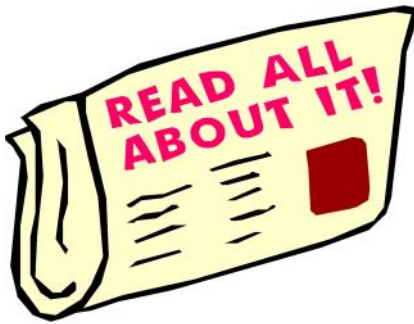
St. Basil's

Catholic Primary School

"We love, learn and succeed following Jesus"

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Monthly Curriculum Newsletter

Pre School

This term Preschool have been welcomed back by a new Superhero HQ in our classroom! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about superheroes in our Literacy lessons. Our favourite book so far has been 'Real Superheroes'. They have designed their own superhero capes and masks, which they have loved.

In Maths, the children have been keen to solve some real world problems. The children have shared different objects equally, used chocolate to solve problems and used our shoes to solve equations. Preschool have also enjoyed using 'more' and 'fewer' to compare. The children really have the hang of this now!

Preschool have enjoyed learning about Mondrian and his art. They have made their own piece of art, inspired by Mondrian.

This week, we have had a visitor in Preschool. Bernard the bear has taught us how to cook and has left us instructions each day. The children have discovered different textures and how foods melt, freeze and cook. Their favourite foods so far have been pizza's, jam tarts and melted chocolate. We hope to see him again soon!

FSRA

Since half term, we have started a new book in English, Supertato! One day, the children arrived to a letter, asking for some help! Peas had been frozen in some ice! The children had to use their own ideas on how to get the peas out of the ice! The children used tools, warm water and even the sunshine to help the peas.

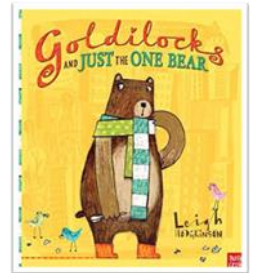
Since then, the children have done some fantastic writing in English all about Supertato.

In Maths, we have been learning about capacity, the children have been using the resources in the water tray outside to find out which containers are full, half full or empty. The children then investigated which containers held more water. We have also been learning about doubling, the children used paint and folded paper to find an answer when doubling numbers. Next week we will be moving onto halving. Miss Abbott needs the children's help to halve her birthday treats between Reception and Preschool! In RE, our topic has been 'Friends'. The children have learnt about Jesus's friends, his disciples. They have also learned about Jesus's rule, "love one another"! The children performed a beautiful collective worship all about friends and Jesus' rule!

The children have been working really hard in business and enterprise week, working on their fine motor skills to make beautiful necklaces and bracelets for parents to buy at our market place on Friday!

Year 1

Since our half term break the boys and girls settled straight down to work again, they are showing us each day how much they have grown and progressed during the year and are definitely getting ready for the move to year two. We are particularly proud of the huge effort by all of the children with their phonics work which has been so impressive! In English, we have begun a new text which has made us really curious – 'Goldilocks and Just the One Bear' is a twist on the traditional story, and we are excited to find out more before creating our very own versions of the text.



In maths we have just completed our multiplication and division unit and have had lots of practise of sharing amounts into groups. To help us with this and to make the link to multiplication, we have been able to use the different counting patterns that we know of 2's, 5's and 10's. As always, to show our understanding, we have worked on problem solving challenges to prove what we know.

Our RE topic has been based all around the theme of 'Being sorry'. We have shared our own experiences of making good and bad choices and how these choices make ourselves and others feel. We have heard some stories from the Bible about people that changed their ways and were forgiven by Jesus to become happier people who made good choices. We especially enjoyed the story of Zacchaeus in the tree! We know that saying sorry is important, but even more important is showing that you are sorry and working hard to fix relationships when something has gone wrong.

In other lessons we have been as busy as ever and have been enjoying coding on the iPads in computing, learning about the famous space explorers Mae Jemison and Helen Sharman, in history and all about plants in science. P.E. sessions on netball and cricket are also proving very popular! We are really looking forward to our trip to Anderton Boat Lift next month and want to say a huge thank you for your support with this, we think the children will have a fabulous experience!

Year 2

We've had a wonderful term in Year 2. We have just started a lovely poetry unit in English based on the poem 'Night Sounds' by Berlie Doherty. During this unit the children will explore several poems and learn how to identify features so that they can write their own poem at the end of the unit. We will focus on asking questions and repetition in poetry.

In maths we have been learning how to tell the time to the hour, quarter past, half an hour and quarter to. We have now moved on to statistics where the children will learn how to gather and interpret data through tables, tally charts and pictograms. We have collected data as a class and used Purple Mash to interpret the data.

Our R.E topic is 'Rules'. The children discussed different rules that they follow like school rules and rules at home, then we explored other rules like laws. We had a wonderful class debate focused on 'Do we need rules' where the children had the opportunity to really express their views but also listen to others. Our final year 2 topic will be Treasures, we look forward to inviting you to our Treasures Collective Worship soon.

In science we have been learning all about plants, we have identified common garden plants, been on an investigation walk around the school grounds to classify evergreen and deciduous trees and we have even conducted our own experiment to investigate what plants need to survive'. We have now just moved on to a new topic 'Animals including humans' where we will learn all about the different life cycles of humans and animals, what humans and animals need to survive and much more. The children are very excited about this new topic and keen to dive into some new learning.

So, another super busy but fun term for Year 2! Keep up the good work Year 2!

Year 3

In Year Three, we have had a fantastic June. It has been wonderful to see all the children apply themselves to their learning inside and outside the classroom!

In RE, the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing through their Collective Worship what they have learnt within the unit of work; Choices. Thank you for attending and supporting the children in learning their lines at home. The children have begun the Explore part of our new topic; Special Places. We have begun to discuss the special places in our home, school and community and what makes somewhere special to us.

Our English topic this half term is based on the text, 'Zeraffa Giraffa' by Dianne Hofmeyr. This is the astonishing true story of Zeraffa, a giraffe who was sent as a gift from Egypt to France in 1826. The children have imagined that they are embarking on this adventure and have created imaginative diary entries using expanded noun phrases and rhetorical questioning.

Within Maths, the children have been learning how to tell the time to the minute using 'to' and 'past' the hour. They have continued to build upon their knowledge of mathematical facts through Fast Maths, Maths Meeting and Basic Skills sessions with a focus on variations of number lines and timetables facts.

In Science, our topic this half term is 'Plants'. The children have dissected different plants to find the different components of a plant. The children are building upon their scientific vocabulary by discussing the life cycle of a flowering plant. To observe the germination process within the life cycle, the children have planted a seed within a clear bag so they can document over the coming weeks how a seed germinates and develops.

Year 4

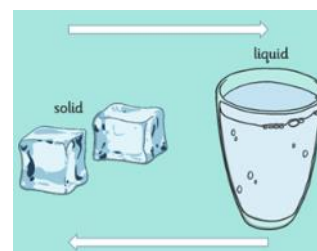
Year 4 have had a busy few weeks since coming back to school after half term.

In English, we have started a new text called Blue John. To start our new topic, we looked at the front cover and some of the key vocabulary and have made a prediction about what we think might happen in the text. We then read the first two chapters and took part in a role play activity to infer how different characters might be feeling at this point in the story.



In Maths, we have been looking at time and have been looking at telling time to the nearest minute. We have also been looking at converting analogue to digital on a 12-hour clock and a 24-hour clock.

We have also started a new science topic. Our topic for this half term is states of matter. We have looked at what a solid, liquid and gas is and how particles behave for each matter. We have planned a science investigation how materials change state.



We have all worked really hard learning the songs and our lines for our year 4 Collective Worship to celebrate the children who made their First Holy Communion. We enjoyed celebrating this special occasion with the rest of the school and thank you to our grown-ups for coming to celebrate with us.

We have also been very busy making our zentangle coasters that we are going to sell in market place. We had the choice of 3 different zentangle patterns to choose from and we added a little bit of colour to our designs. We are looking forward to selling these in our St Basil's Market Place.

Year 5

We cannot believe our time in Year 5 is nearly coming to an end! This month we have been learning about the Maya people and located where they came from on a map. We have also designed and created our own Mayan Masks.

In English, we have begun to read 'The Hunter' which we are really enjoying so far.

In Maths, we have been calculating area and perimeter, measuring and identifying angles and have just moved on to adding and subtracting decimals.

Last week some of us were even lucky enough to have a sleepover in school where we completed lots of activities including creating constellation projectors and star gazing. We even played kick rounders with the teachers!

We are looking forward to our final month in Year 5.

Year 6

Maths

This month we learnt about different codes and how to crack them including Caesar shift code , pigpen cipher and transposition cipher. A few weeks earlier, we used ciphers to crack codes and complete missions - we used it to get the missing clues.

English

Over the month of June we created a fictional story including, vampires, mermaids or dragons. After looking at some images we designed a plan for our story so the next day we could write it out. After that we wrote a description of a setting.

RE

Over the last couple of weeks in RE we have been learning about living justly and how we can show it by little acts of kindness . We also made posters about what things we can do to help others following Jesus.

Science

In Science we have been learning about different parts of the eye and how we can see light and colour. We have been doing quizzes about the eye and made quiz questions for our partners to try and answer.

Robinwood Residential

In Robinwood we were put into groups of 10 and did different activities including rock climbing, piranha pool and giant swing. The first day, we got there and met our instructors (Millie, Jack and Chris). The first day was mostly indoor activities because of the weather but all the activities were great. We wore harnesses and helmets for lots of the activities like high ropes and zip wire. We had so much fun!

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