



St. Basil's

Catholic Primary School

"We love, learn and succeed following Jesus"

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Monthly Curriculum Newsletter



Preschool and FSAR

EYFS have had a very busy half term! This month, our new theme has been 'Changing Me'. We have been reflecting on how far we have come since the children started school in September. The children are so proud of themselves! We have also been learning all about transport and how vehicles have changed throughout time. We have loved exploring the different vehicles in our small world area. As it is June, we have been recognising the signs of Summer. The children have enjoyed potting plants in our Garden Centre and selling ice creams at the beach shop!

In English, our new text is 'Romeosaurus and Juliet Rex' by Mo O'Hara. We have continued to learn all about carnivores and herbivores. The children have thoroughly enjoyed writing invitations for The Dinosaur Ball and making predictions for the ending of the story. EYFS have continued their learning of dinosaurs through this book and our Dinosaur Museum roleplay area. Our shared read text is '10 Little Pirates'. Most of the children are able to read this book themselves in our reading cave now! This is definitely a class favourite.

In Maths, the children have been learning all about capacity. We had a special wizard called Walter visit us and help us make potions! The children have learnt how to recognise something that is empty, half full and full. We have continued our learning in our outdoor water area where the children have been using different size containers to compare fullness. The children have also learnt a new song all about 2's!

In RE, our theme has been 'Dialogue and Encounter'. We have had lots of discussions about what makes somebody a good friend. We have also spoken about how Jesus is a friend to us all. The children have learnt all about St Peter and St Paul and designed fish to remember them! This week, the children have been working on writing a letter to spread the good news about Jesus and tell everybody about the good things that he did.

The children in EYFS have worked incredibly hard this half term! Well done to you all!

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 just begun our final text which is proving to be really popular. The text is actually based on a play written by William Shakespeare, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We have loved finding out who this very famous writer was and some facts about him – please ask us to see what we can remember! We have been using lots of interesting adjectives in our writing to help describe the setting and characters in the story.

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 'branch' this term is focused on encounters and communication with or about others in the community. As we are discovering, this could be our local or global community. We have loved using websites for CAFOD and Mission Together to find out about some of our 'global neighbours' in different countries and how they live their lives. We will also be exploring the roles of different people within the 'parish family' who are based at the local church, St Basil's.



In other lessons we have been as busy as ever and have been enjoying coding on the iPads in computing and the different types of technology we have in our home. We are exploring our country and seas in our Geography topic and have learnt the different countries that make up the United Kingdom. We also know that the UK is surrounded by water and borders different countries such as France. In Science we have started looking at different types of plants such as trees and flowers. We are looking forward to our experiment where we will plant our own seeds.

P.E. sessions learning how to play rounders and different types of athletics are also proving very popular! We are really looking forward to the different activities we have to complete over our final few weeks in Year 1, including meeting our next teacher!

Year 2

We have started our Shakespeare unit in English and are reading a wonderful book called 'The Tempest'. The children will be writing spells, poems and setting descriptions. Their final; piece of work for this unit will be to write an adapted version of the story in the role of a narrator.

In maths we are learning all about statistics and will be moving onto Position and Direction next. The children have been having fun learning how to read and input data into charts and pictograms on Purple Mash and we have lots of active maths coming up.

Our current R.E topic is 'Dialogue and Encounter'. During this topic the children are learning what it means to be a 'Good Neighbour' and how they can follow Jesus' word by doing so.

In Science we are learning all about plants and we will be completing an exciting investigation to see 'What plants need to survive'. By the end of the topic the children will be able to label the basic parts of a plant, name some common flowers and plants, classify trees and from their experiment they will understand what plants need to survive.

The children have been working really hard this term rehearsing for their 'Treasures' Collective Worship and the Infant Music Festival on the 10th July. We look forward to welcoming you to our worship.

Well done for your hard work again Year 2, keep it up!

Year 3

In Year Three, we have had a fantastic June. It has been lovely to see all the children apply themselves to their learning in school and on trips!

In RE, we have shared our love of God through learning about Building Bridges. The children have explored a variety of scripture including the Parable of the Lost Shepard. The children are thoroughly enjoying planning and participating in class and phase Collective Worships. Thank you to all those who attended this week's worship.

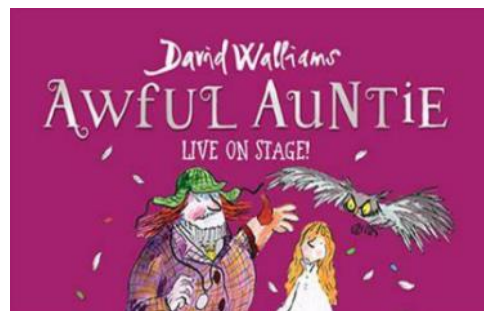
Our English topic this half term is based on the Shakespeare play 'The Merchant of Venice'. The children have researched and presented fantastic facts to their class about Elizabethan London. The children have identified and explored play script features with a partner. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the theatre to see our class novel 'Awful Auntie' by David Walliams.

Within Maths, the children have been learning about time; how to tell the time on a digital and analogue clock. They have continued to build upon their knowledge of mathematical facts through Fast Maths and Maths Meeting sessions with a focus on multiplication and shape.

In History, our topic this half term is 'The Expansion of Railways'. The children have debated whether the railway was a good idea for Britain. The children have been learning how to play rounders and have been developing their athletic skills in P.E.

Year 4

This month we finally went to the Empire theatre in Liverpool to watch Awful Auntie. We have been reading the book in class all year and it was great to see it as a play. We got the train there and back and also went to the world museum and looked at the Egyptian section and the aquarium.



We also did our fun run and got dressed up to raise money for the PTA.

In English we have started reading Julius Caesar which was originally written by William Shakespeare. The lessons have been really fun as we are doing lots of drama activities.

In maths we have been learning about shapes and angles. We delivered a collective worship to parents and carers which focussed around our first Holy Communions. We even got some cake at the end!

In PE we have been learning lots of different athletics activities to get us ready for sports day. We have also been doing rounders which is so much fun.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy few weeks.

In English, we have been learning all about Shakespeare. So far, we have learned about Macbeth and Midsummer's Nights Dream. We were shocked to learn that women were not allowed to be actors back then!



In maths, we are learning how to convert between different units of measure. We have also been learning about imperial measures. We made our own rulers that recorded measurements using inches.

In art, we tie dyed an item of clothing. We loved doing this. We used bands to tie the clothing to create different patterns. We also dyed a pair of socks for Mrs Jones and a tshirt each for Miss Standish's children.

In P.E, we have been learning how to play rounders. We have played it using a football and a tennis racket to help us build our skills and learned the rules.

This week, we went to church for a Mass to celebrate our Year of Peace. It was lovely. Thank you to Toby, Hollie, Jack, Rosie and Harry for reading.



As well as this, some children from our class went to perform in a concert using their brass or woodwind instruments on Tuesday evening. The concert was wonderful. We performed a range of music that we had learned in our music lessons this year. A big thanks to Toby, Thomas, Logan, Daniel, Zak, Gabriel (Y6) Harry and Isaac for representing our school and a thanks to Mrs Baynton for staying late and helping.

Year 6

It is our very LAST half term in SCHOOL! We cannot believe it!

For our last English topic, we have learnt about the famous playwright William Shakespeare. In his times, the Bubonic Plague was at its peak. Due to this, he lost four loved ones. If you did not know, Shakespeare performed his plays in the famous Globe theatre. Believe it or not, their monarchy, Queen Elizabeth I, had shown up a few times.

In maths, we designed theme parks to learn about profits and losses. We had a budget of £500,000.00 and we had to buy different things (rides, shops, bins etc). Depending on what some customers buy and what designs we made, we could either make a profit or a loss.

A part of our RE topic of healing, a story that was a key standout, was the Good Samaritan. Our favourite story in this topic was this because it shows that even enemies can care and respect each other.

On our trip to Robinwood, there were 14 activities and our top 3 were the zipline, raft building and high swing. The activities we didn't like were crate building because we thought we'd fall. Our group leader was called Joe. If we didn't go to Robinwood, we did some escape rooms on a maths and English sheet. On the first day, we got split in to other year groups and on the second, we did some optical illusions, spirals and more escape rooms.

Since we are learning about William Shakespeare, we are performing a play called Shakespeare Rocks. It is about a section of his life where all of his characters are included. We cant wait for everyone to see it.

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