



English Martyrs Roman Catholic School



Dear Parents,

Friday 4th November 2022

This letter outlines the key information about what your child will be learning this half term.

Home Learning

Home learning will consist of reading, spelling and Mathletics which will be set each week. Please ensure that you read with your child for 15 minutes each evening and support them by completing their reading record, making a note of any new words that you encountered as challenging in your session. Each pupil will be provided with a school library book which will be renewed/changed at our weekly library sessions. Please take care of books that are sent home as there will be a £5.00 charge for lost or damaged books.

The class teacher will supply as list of spellings each week which we ask you to practise at home in preparation for the class' weekly spelling test. The spelling test will be on a Thursday with a new set of words to be sent home on Friday.

There will be a Maths focus each week so that you know what you should be practising at home and all children have a Mathletics account which they can log in to at home to practise their Maths.

RE

Our RE topic is called 'Mary Our Mother. In this unit we learn about The Annunciation, the journey to Bethlehem, the visit of the shepherds and the Nativity. RE homework will be set on your child's Google Classroom account. More information on this will be given closer to Advent.

RHSE (Relationship, Health and Sex Education)

We will be following the Ten Ten Life in Full scheme of work to deliver our Relationship, Health and Sex Education. The entire teaching is underpinned with a Christian faith understanding that our deepest identity is as a child of God – created, chosen and loved by God. This term we will be completing a unit of work entitled Created and Loved by God explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships. More information on the content of the lessons can be found on the school website.

Maths

This term we will be learning and consolidating our place value within 10. We will be learning our number bonds to 10. We will be adding and subtracting within 10. We will be learning about 2D shapes in different orientations and sizes, and patterns within shapes. We will learn to count in 2s, group numbers into 2s and doubling. We will develop our reasoning and problem-solving skills through application of the knowledge developed in daily lessons.

English

In phonics we will be starting Phase 5 sounds and consolidating the previous phases. We will read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts on a daily basis. Our writing will be focussed on short pieces based on the books *Traction Man* by Mini Grey and *How to Find Gold* by Viviane Schwarz that include recounts and

narratives, learning to add description. Children will develop and consolidate their ability to write full sentences and check that their writing makes sense. We will be developing our handwriting and using phonics to write unfamiliar words.

Humanities (History/Geography)

Our topic is 'Toys'. We will be learning about Toys from the Past and Present and the materials that they are made from.

Science

In Science we will experiment and explore everyday materials. We will learn to identify them, name them, classify them, group them according to their physical properties and compare them.

Computing

We are learning about different computing systems and networks. We will be learning about the technology around us. We will have time using the class iPads and laptops.

PE

This Autumn term, Thursday is our PE day. Please ensure that they are wearing their PE kits and PE shoes on this day. In PE we are working on our throwing and catching skills. We will be completing the Daily Mile to get our fitness levels up.

The school PE kit is listed below:

- White T shirt
- Navy Jumper
- Navy tracksuit bottoms
- Socks
- KS1 Plimsolls (no laces)/ suitable sports trainers

If children do not have their PE kit on in school they will be offered a clean, spare PE kit to wear for the lesson if it is available. If this is unavailable they have to miss their lesson. A letter will also be sent home to parents reminding them of the school PE uniform.

Design and Technology

We will be doing an artist study of the Puppeteers Richard Cardell and Jim Henson. Our focus will be on puppet making. To design a glove puppet, follow a design to make a puppet and work with fabric to create our glove puppet. We will also practise our sewing skills of an over stitch.

Key Dates

9th November - Year 1 and 2 Maths Workshop for parents.

30th November - Educational workshop on toys and puppets around the world at the Horniman Museum and Gardens.

6th December - Year 1, 2 and 3 Nativity Production.

We look forward to supporting you in developing your child to reach their full potential.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Briggs

Year 1 Teacher and Religious Education Co-ordinator