Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

Summer 2 2024 Curriculum Newsletter



Mars Class

Teacher's Message	Welcome back to our final half term! I can't believe we are on the final stretch, where has the year gone! We have lots of fun and exciting opportunities planned for the children, which I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy!		
Homework	Reading: Reading will be our main focus for homework. Phonics groups: The children who are currently part of a phonics group should bring home a bookbag book which you can share together as it will be a new book. They should also bring home a smaller phonics book which they will have read 3 times within their group so should be familiar with. The children were assessed before Easter and know their groups for this half-term. Children on AR: Those children that are now reading AR (Accelerated Reader) books need to be reading at home and quizzing in school. Each morning, they will have the opportunity to quiz in school on a chrome book. Spellings: Phonics groups: Within the smaller phonics books that the children will bring home, it highlights (circles at the front) the sounds we are focusing on in class, the speedy green words and red words. Please look at these together. Children on AR and not in a phonics group: These children will receive weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar homework. This will be sent home on a Friday.		
Reading for Pleasure	This half term, we will be reading 'Marge in Charge' by Isla Fisher and 'Winnie the Pooh' by A.A. Milne. I hope that the children will enjoy both of these wonderful stories. ISLA FISHER Marge Winnie The Pooh Pooh A.A. Milne.		
English	This half-term in English, we will firstly continue reading and writing 'The Disgusting Sandwich.' The children have really enjoyed reading and learning this text and are looking forward to writing their own story with a disgusting food item. Later in the half-term we will be enjoying the information text, 'Seed to sunflower'. This will link fantastically to our science work and the growing of our own sunflowers.		

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	RE	In RE we are using the Come and See programme and our first topic will be a continuation from last half-term, 'Being Sorry'. Later in the half term we will be learning about Islam and the Universal Church.		
	Science	In Science this half-term, we will continue to learn about seasonal changes as we head into summer. We will also be learning about common wild and garden plants and deciduous and evergreen trees. In addition to this, we will collect some summer weather data so we can compare our data from the three seasons.		
	Geography	In Geography we will be comparing different homes around the world. We will be learning about Inuit people, Yanomami people of the Amazon, Mongolian people living a nomadic way of life, Maasai people living in Kenya and Berbers that live underground in Tunisia. Throughout this unit, we will be comparing these homes to our own whilst thinking about the continents that these people live in.		
	History	Not a lead subject.		
	A rt	This half term, the children will be exploring the colours and patterns of the African landscape and native tribes. We will be creating African patterns, exploring the Maasai culture and their amazing homemade jewellery, and making and decorating tribal masks and water jars. This will be a super link between our Geography and Art this half-term.		
STEM:	STEM	We will be continuing our STEM project this half term. The children will continue to explore and program the stop and go mouse and Botley. This half term they will be designing mazes for their robots and teaching FSU how to move their robots around the mazes.		
	RSHE	In RSHE this half term, we will be learning about electrical items at home and how to keep safe around electrical items. We will also be preparing ourselves for the changes that take place in September and the start of the new school year.		
	PE	The children will have two PE lessons a week and will need to make sure that they have their PE kits available in school. On Thursdays, PE will be with Miss Humphrey with a focus on striking and fielding games. On Fridays, it will be with Mr Selley focusing on athletics in preparation for sports day.		
	Music	Mr Hopkins will be teaching Class 1/2 for Music this half term, where they will be singing and learning to play many different instruments.		

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X		3rd June	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)	
		1st July	Tempest taking Class Photographs	
		4th July	Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church	
		5th July	2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)	
		8th July	Samba music workshops	
		19th July	3.30pm - 8.30pm School Barbecue	
		24th July	9am End of Year Mass	
		25th July	Last day of Summer Term	
@	Teacher contact:	Please come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. If this isn't possible then please contact me through Class Dojo. Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office@olsp.uk during the school day. There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to email or class dojo messages received in the evenings or at the weekend.		