



St. Basil's

Catholic Primary School

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

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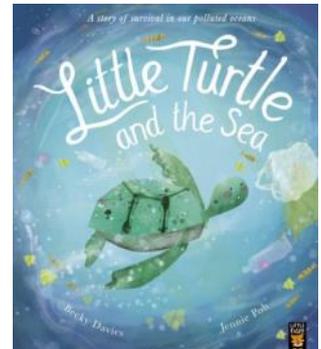
Preschool

This term we have been learning out about plastic in the ocean and we focused on the book 'Little Turtle and the Sea'. We have talked about how this affects sea creatures and what we can do to prevent this.

In maths we have done lots of practical activities about more, less and the same amount.

We really enjoyed taking part in our very first fun run and we have raised lots of money.

The children have been using animal puppets to perform a story to an audience and have enjoyed using farm animals and sea creatures small world!



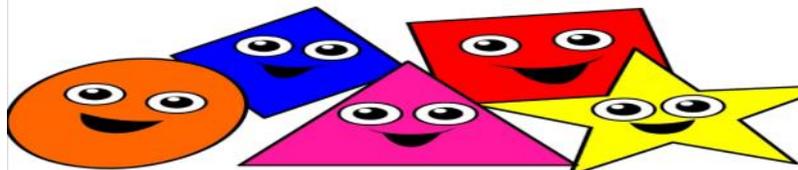
FSRA

This half term we have learnt all about how to look after our environment, especially the beach! In English we have read the Clem and Crab story. The children really enjoyed it! One day we went outside and noticed that there was litter all over our outside area, this made us very sad! So we worked together to clean it up and then talked about what we can do to help our world!

In Maths, we have learnt about addition and subtraction and also, 2D shapes. We have learnt about shapes but also about rotation and how shapes do not change even if they are moved or rotated.

Our topic this half term has been about animals, we visited Farmer teds last half term and we continued this half term learning about different animals, e.g. zoo animals, underwater animals and their habitats.

We have enjoyed our role play areas this half term, we have had a puppet theatre, putting on shows using our knowledge of traditional tales. After that we had a recycling centre, were we had to sort our rubbish so it could be recycled. Now we have a Queen's throne with princess and prince dressing up to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!



Year 1

In Year One, we have had a very busy and fun half term, filled with challenge! The children have grown in independence and are working towards being Year 2 ready!

In RE, the children have planned and delivered a Collective Worship to parents and family members based on the topic 'Holidays and Holy days'. The children have learnt about Jesus' promise and the story of Pentecost. The children have particularly enjoyed acting out the scripture through drama and dance. The children are becoming confident in reading and participating in Collective Worship.

Our English topic this half term is based on the text, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley?' by Sarah Roberts as part of our whole school environment topic. The children particularly enjoyed learning about plastic pollution and how to prevent it from damaging our oceans. Through exploring non-fiction texts the children have created whole class fact files sharing facts about their favourite sea creatures and the impacts of plastic pollution.

Within Maths, the children have been using a variety of methods to solve subtraction and addition calculations. The children have continued to build upon their knowledge of mathematical facts through Fast Maths and Maths Meeting sessions, using multiplication and number bonds to solve missing number calculations.

In Science, our topic this half term has been Living Things and their Habitats. The children have researched different animals and have identified and sorted 'alive' 'never alive' and 'dead' items. The children have learnt about food chains and the vital things living things need to survive.

The children had a fantastic time during Sports Week. They competed a Mini-Olympics with help from Year 5 children and participated in the PTA fun run! Thank you to all who attended.



Year 2

We have had another super busy but fun term in Year 2!

In English we have been reading a wonderful book called 'Tidy' which is linked to our environmental unit. The children have been learning all about the environment around them and how they can play a role in protecting it.

This term in maths we have been collecting data and interpreting it into pictograms and bar charts for statistics and we are currently covering position and direction.

In history we have been learning all about The Beatles. The children have really enjoyed this topic and they love having a sing along to 'Yellow Submarine'. We have been rating their music, learning all about life and the fashion in the 60's and writing a description setting on a Beatles concert.

In our Spread the Word topic we have continued to enjoy the celebration of Easter and then used scripture to find out about the special feast of the Ascension. We loved making a sliding picture to help us remember the events that day. We have also learnt lots about the Feast of Pentecost and most importantly about the job of Christians to share the good news of Jesus with everyone through our words and actions.

This week we have been celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. We are busy testing out our sewing skills making a huge patchwork flag (thank you to all who sent materials in), designing and making our own Jubilee tiles, tasting some classic British foods and exploring the history of the British Monarchy. We are also super excited for our St Basil's Jubilee party on Friday!

It's been another great term in Year 2 and the children have worked incredibly hard. Well done everyone!

Year 3

In Year 3 this month we have been continuing with our environment text called 'The Great Paper Caper.' We have enjoyed writing diary entries, letters and taking part in drama activities relating to this text. We have been learning about how cutting down trees is bad for our environment and what we can do to help our environment.

In Guided Reading, we have been reading 'The Illustrated Atlas of Britain and Ireland' and have been improving our knowledge of our country. We have talked about the features of a non-fiction text and have also used the Disney film Up alongside this to talk about what the main character would need to take on his journey to help him.

In maths, we have been finding fractions of amounts and have just moved onto our new topic of column addition and subtraction. We are trying really hard in maths at the minute even if some of it is a bit tricky!

In science, we have been learning about light and have completed an experiment on shadows to see how the length of shadows changed throughout the day. It was fascinating!

In history, we have been learning about The Shang Dynasty. We have looked at timelines and compared it to the Romans that we learnt about earlier on in the year. We have learnt about religions in the Shang Dynasty and have learnt about how the social hierarchy during that time.

We have really enjoyed our summer term so far in Year 3 and can't wait to see what the final half term has in store for us!



Year 4

This month Year 4 have continued to work hard.

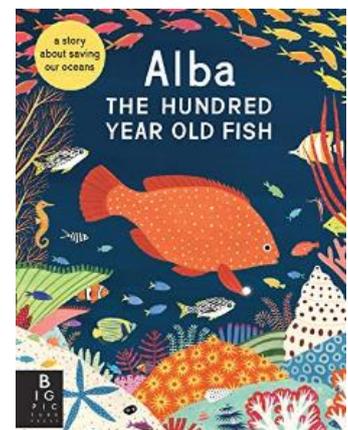
In RE we have been looking at building bridges. We have discussed how to repair relationships and friendships.

In maths we recapped our times tables and practiced on maths frame. We also took part in National Numeracy day, we participated in lots of different mathematical activities and used our mental calculations to help us.

In English we have been reading Alba the Hundred Year Old Fish, we have carried our freeze frames to understand how the characters would be feeling and we have written about the plastic pollution within our oceans.

In music we have been learning how to play the National Anthem, which has linked really nicely to Jubilee week. We have really enjoyed learning all about the Queen and taking part in some very memorable activities, which we are excited to show you.

We have also enjoyed sports week this month and in particular the fun run because we all got to dress up!!



Year 5

In Year 5 during May we have focused on the environment and our impact on it. Our English text 'The Brilliant Deep' focused on the effect of climate change on coral reefs. We have researched all about the life of coral and the creatures and ecosystem they support. We finished this unit by writing a persuasive leaflet to try to convince others to make a change.

In Maths we have developed our knowledge of 3D shape and angles, and become fluent with the range of arithmetic strategies we have covered this year. We are all feeling ready to tackle Year 6 in September with our Maths knowledge.

We started our new topic work by covering the properties of materials in Science, we were able to describe how properties help a material do its job effectively. We then used this knowledge to evaluate, design and make our own bridge structures in DT. Our brief was to span a 30cm gap which we achieved in lots of inventive ways.



In P.E. this month Mr Gallimore's class have took part in their swimming lessons and become more confident in a range of strokes and Mr Wood's class have developed our teamwork and hockey skills which led up to our Team sports afternoon and Mini Olympics event.

In R.E. we have developed knowledge of the Pentecost and are now focusing on the topic of Freedom & Responsibility.

Year 6

In English, we started to read about a Greta Thunberg text. We liked this because the text was interesting and about skolestrejke for klimaet.

In maths we are learning about puzzles for National Numeracy Day.

In Science, we wrote a biography about Charles Darwin and his adventures. Did you know Charles Darwin ate every species he discovered?

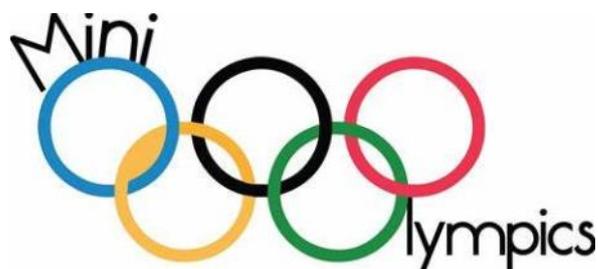
In DT we made stir-fry from vegetables. We liked this because we got to use different vegetables and noodles with it.

We had our SATs and all the class were relieved that they were finally over.

We had our fun run on the 20th May 2022. We enjoyed this because it was fun to dress up and raise money. In sports week it was fun because we did mini Olympics and a cricket match.

In our Jubilee week we are singing songs about the queen and we are having a party on Friday to celebrate the 70th anniversary.

We made a poster about UK vs Kenya.



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