



St. Basil's

Catholic Primary School

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

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Monthly Curriculum Newsletter

Preschool

This term preschool started learning about Superheroes and we have been reading 'Ten Little Superheroes'. We designed what we would look like if we were a superhero and what our superhero powers would be. We are now beginning to talk about the rainforests and how we can help protect animals from deforestation, and we have been reading the story 'We're Roaming through the Rainforest'.

In maths we have been working hard to understand addition and subtraction and have been solving problems using objects and counters.

We have been enjoying the outdoor area in the sunshine and have been talking about keeping healthy by drinking water, using sun cream and hats.



FSRA

This half term in Foundation Stage has been a busy one already! The children performed their Collective Worship last week for the parents! I am so proud of them! They have grown in confidence so much since the start of the year! Their Collective Worship was all about friendship, which is the same as our R.E topic this half term. The children have learnt about what it is like to be a good friend and also thought about Jesus' good friends too.

In Maths we have learnt about number bonds to 10 and also doubling numbers! The children printed butterflies to learn about doubling numbers, and then wrote a number sentence each to match. This week the children are learning about money, recognising the different coins and adding them together.

In English, the children have read the story Supertato! From this, we have talked about Superheroes! This week we are reading a book called "There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom", and we will be reading this until the end of term, it is such a lovely book!

The children are excited to make products in Business and Enterprise Week ready to sell at Market Place on Friday, we hope to see lots of parents their buying our products!

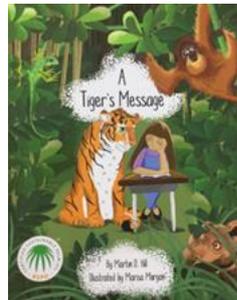


Year 1

We have been so proud of the children this year. Their confidence and independence are flowing and they are getting ready for the challenges of year two. Well done everyone! In English, we have started our new book, 'The Tiger's Message' by Martin D Hill. So far the children used clues to predict what they thought the book could be about and even pretended to be a tiger in the 'Hot Seat'. This will link to our 'zoo project' which is all about awareness of the effects Palm Olive production has on animals in the rainforests. I am sure the children will start to talk to you all about it in the coming weeks. This will ultimately end with a very exciting trip to Chester Zoo in which the children are already very excited about!

In RE, we celebrated the end of our topic about 'Being Sorry' with ice lollies on the grass outside after our thoughtful collective worship in which the children reflected on forgiveness. The next topic is 'Neighbours' in which we continue to learn about Jesus' love to everyone and how we can show our love to our neighbours all around the world.

Within Maths, the children have continued to learn about numbers beyond 20, showing deeper understanding through problem solving and reasoning. This term the children will start to learn about place value with 2 digit numbers, using practical and mental strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.



Year 2

We have had a lovely month in Year 2 and are really excited about our learning!

In English we have started reading our new text for the 'Zoo project' called 'Buddy's Rainforest Rescue'. It is a wonderful book teaching us all about Buddy's home in Borneo and how it is being affected by deforestation for the farming of palm oil. We hope that we will be able to share what we are learning and teach everyone about the devastating effects of palm oil farming.

This term in maths we have been focusing on problem solving in multiplication and division. We explored different ways to solve multiplication and division problems and made an array city.

In Science we have been learning all about the seasons here in the UK and around the world. We have compared our seasons in England to other countries around the world and even recorded our own weather forecast.

In geography we have been learning all about 'puppets around the world'. We have explored different types of puppets from countries all around the world and looked at the important role they play in their countries history.

In R.E we have been exploring the topic of 'Rules'. We began by discussing why we have rules and creating some that we would have in our own home if we could choose! We then moved on to finding out some of God's rules which we found in the Bible. We also discovered the very special rule that Jesus had. This rule is very easy to remember –if you ask us we can share it with you too. We know that if we all followed this rule, the world would be a very happy place! Most importantly, we have done lots of work about the consequences of breaking rules and if this is done on purpose, we call it a sin. Although sins are hurtful, we know what needs to be done to make up for the wrong choices and how to ask for forgiveness.

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

Year 3

We are so glad to be back and refreshed after a lovely half term break, especially because the sun is shining!

In English, we have finished our text 'The Great Paper Caper' and wrote a diary entry from the point of view of the bear. We have just started looking at our new text, 'The Great Kapok Tree' and we have wrote a prediction using the front cover and the verb.

We are so excited to be starting our zoo project and can't wait to tell you all about it! In science, we have started by looking at the diets of animals and have even designed our own healthy pizza. We can't wait to make it because we know it will be tasty!

We all worked really hard at practising our lines and our songs for our assembly and we are so thankful to those who came to see it. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

We are very excited to carry on our learning this half term and are going to make it the best one so far!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a very enjoyable and hard working month. We became very engaged during our Zoo Project launch assembly and have become extremely passionate about our palm oil research and how we can inform others to make a change.

We have enjoyed our music lessons and have become very confident on the guitars and have been practicing hard for the Music Extravaganza, which takes place next month.

As our building bridges topic in RE comes to an end we have spent time reflecting on the importance of friendship and how we can build, maintain and repair relationships with the support of others.

In Maths we have enjoyed exploring negative numbers, as well as understanding how to read co-ordinates and how to translate shapes.

In Science we have started our new topic of electricity and sound and we have begun thinking about how they are used in our daily lives, we have discovered that we rely on electricity a lot of the time!

We have also been discussing our First Holy Communion and we are looking forward to sharing our collective worship with parents/carers and school friends.

Year 4 would also like to congratulate Annabelle for competing in the International Association of Independent Gymnastics world championships. Annabelle got silver in the all round competition and on the beam and came 5th on the bar.



Year 5

In Year 5 this month we have had a brilliant start to our Zoo Project based on the impact of Palm Oil.

In English our text 'The Secret Explorers: Rainforest Rangers' has given us lots of information about the impact on the rainforest, through this we have developed our creative and figurative language to write our own version of the final story.

In Geography we have found out all about the island of Borneo and its diversity of species. We know more about how palm oil plantations are impacting the species that live there. Including our focus animal the Bornean Orangutan.

We also took a trip to Veolia Discovery Centre this month, we learnt all about how our recycling in Halton is processed and how we can live more sustainably with our resources.

In Maths we have explored data and graphs to gather information and compare results.

We have also focused on money, including profit and loss. This has led us up to our Business and Enterprise Marketplace. We have made braided wristbands for our product and managed to produce over 400 to sell!



Year 6

In Maths we have been working on decoding and working out questions to find answers to a mystery. We have really enjoyed doing this, we hope that this continues.

In science, Year 6 have been learning about how we get genes from our family. Also we found out how animals are suited to their environment, like Polar Bears have lots of fur to keep them warm.

Year 6 have worked very hard to make our play as good as possible. Everyone has worked hard to learn their lines, even people with 103 lines have learnt all of them. We enjoy doing this and can't wait to perform it.

Year 6 have been on a trip to Victoria Park with Reception and Year 1. We have been paired into groups to take part in walks, sports activities and playground visits. We participated in group activities and had a fun day. We even got ice lollies!

Year 6 have made a poster about how people heal in different ways like people heal mentally by going to therapy and some people heal physically by resting and sleeping.

Year 6 have been learning about how palm oil has a big effect on the world and how we can help. We have been doing this because we are going to Chester Zoo.

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