



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

During October, Pre School have been looking at the changing season. We have been spotting the signs that Autumn is here. The children gathered lots of Autumn things from around the school to use in our sensory tray. We have made pictures using the leaves we found and we have talked about Harvest Festival. Pre School planted some magic seeds and we harvested some vegetables. We used them to print on paper and made vegetable soup.

We have been enjoying reading the story 'The Enormous Turnip'.

In Maths, the children have been comparing amounts using more than and less than and matching numerals to quantities.

We have also been looking at what makes us different to one another and we have discussed why we shouldn't exclude a person because of their appearance. We have looked at some important people throughout history and have read books celebrating diversity and different cultures!!



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The children in Reception have been busy busy busy! They have been on a walk around school with the iPads, taking pictures of the school grounds. When back in class, they talked about where was safe and unsafe and completed some work on this.

This week, when we arrived at school, we found footprints!! They were tiny footprints, covered in flour! We worked out that it must have been the Gingerbread Man! The next day, he left us a cheeky video to watch too! We have been making posters for the school, saying "LOOK OUT" for the Gingerbread Man.

In Maths, we have continued learning our numbers, we are now up to number 5! We have also been looking at the different ways to make numbers e.g using bead strings, numicon etc.

In RE, we have started a new topic called 'Welcome', we have talked about welcoming children into St Basil's Catholic Primary School and we have also talked about welcoming new babies into our families! We are going to learn about how we are welcomed into Jesus' family when we are baptised.

We hope the children have a lovely half term, make memories and send Miss Abbott lots of photos via Class Dojo of their adventures!



Year 1

Year 1 have continued being very busy with their learning this month. They have finished reading the story Lost and Found and are now writing their own versions of the story. They have been able to choose their own animal to write about instead of the penguin in the original story. In maths we have finished learning all about place value and are now learning to add and subtract numbers. We have started by looking at all the number bonds within 10. After a really interesting week finding out about the religion of Judaism, we are now exploring a new topic, 'Belonging' in R.E. As part of this topic, we are looking forward to learning about the sacrament of Baptism in the next few weeks.

In science we completed an experiment to find which season is the best to dry our washing outside. We found that the sock that was hung out in summer dried the best. We started our Geography topic by looking at the continents, oceans and countries within the United Kingdom. Using a map we found different places in the world and discovered what the equator is. We now know that countries close to the equator are hot and have wet and dry seasons. When looking at the countries close to the equator we discovered a place called Uganda. We have started learning all about Uganda and how it is different to England.

In PE we have spent lots of time learning different shapes and balances in gymnastics. We have used what we have learnt to create our own floor routines. We have performed our routines for the rest of the class. In hockey we have been learning the different skills within the sport and will finish by playing games of hockey against one another.

We have also had a fantastic opportunity to continue our outdoor learning. We have been learning all about the school grounds and the plants that grow at St Basil's. We have picked our own berries and crushed them to make tie dye art and our own apples to create toffee apples. We have lit our own fires using a flint to cool our toffee apples. In computing we have been thinking about different shapes and how we can sort them into groups. We have been exploring how to sort and group by colour, number of sides, number of corners and number of faces. We have looked at shapes in class before sorting them on the iPad using Purple Mash.

In reading we have been learning how to make predictions on what is going to happen in a book as well as looking at the vocabulary in a book and exploring new words. We have enjoyed a poem called 'Alligator Pie' where we have looked at rhyming words and answered questions about what we have read. In handwriting we have explored tall giraffe letters and practised these on their own and in words.

Year 2

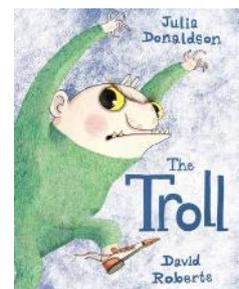
Wow where has October gone! Year 2 have worked incredibly hard in all subjects. In RE we have furthered our knowledge on Beginnings and retold the Creation Story. We have also learnt about Judaism in our multi-faith week. We learnt all about Shabbat and how Jewish people prepare for Shabbat. We are now starting our new topic Signs and Symbols.

In Maths we have learnt about addition and subtraction. We have worked hard to use manipulatives to support our learning. Together we have created a success criteria so that we can solve more complex questions.

In English we have written our own stories, inspired by Troll Swap. We have loved doing a range of drama activities to bring our learning to life. In shared reading we've been reading *The Troll* by Julia Donaldson. We have focused on our prediction, retrieval and inference. In Year 2 we have also written poems for World Poetry Day inspired by Michael Rosen's 'These are the hands'.

In Science we have learnt about the properties of different materials and we have even been on a materials hunt around school.

In PE we have been learning about netball and tennis.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant October. We have had two different trips out of school and learnt lots more in our second topic of the year.

In R.E. we focused our Judaism week on the holy place of worship the synagogue. To learn more we visited Manchester Jewish museum and synagogue. We learnt more about how the Jewish people use the building and why each part is special to them.

We have been learning about cities and counties of the UK in our first Geography topic. As part of this work we visited Liverpool by taking the train from Hough Green Station all the way to Liverpool Lime Street. We completed a geography survey in front of St George's Hall and visited the world museum aquarium to help us learn more about our English focus on Sea Life.

In English we have finished our work on 'Seal Surfer' by writing a series of letters from Tom to his Grandad. We have learnt more about Sea Life in our guided reading non-fiction book and applied our summarising skills.

In Maths we have been learning new written methods for addition and subtraction using our success criteria carefully. We have also learnt new attacking and defending skills in Handball and can now play two notes in rhythm on our recorders!



Year 4

Year 4 have had another great month!

In Maths, we have finished our place value unit and we are now applying our knowledge of place value to our new addition and subtraction unit.

In English, we have been writing our own narratives using our book, Gorilla, as inspiration.

In Science, we have conducted our first experiment. We looked at tooth decay and used eggs as a replacement for teeth and looked at how different liquids have different effects on our teeth.

In History, we have started our new topic on Ancient Greece. We have studied the key events from this time and have put them on a time line.

In P.E, we have been perfecting our Dance performances and practising our new football skills.

We also had a trip to the Jewish Museum and Synagogue as part of our multi-faith week. We really enjoyed learning all about Jewish culture and their religion.



Year 5

What a lovely month we've had in October! In English, we've carried on with our story 'Queen of the Falls' and we've enjoyed learning about the daredevil Annie Edson Taylor and finding out about her journey.

In maths, we have been rounding up to the nearest 10,000 and have just moved on to adding and subtracting numbers up to 5 digits.

In science, we have been learning about the life cycles of different plants and animals and created a presentation to explain the differences between them.

In geography, we have been learning about North America. We have used different types of maps to locate different places in North America and have compared places in North America to places in the UK. We also planned a trip to Orlando and looked at plane prices, the climate, flight paths and what we could do when we got there.

We have enjoyed learning our instruments and our teachers are very proud at how we've started with them. We've had a great start to the Autumn term and can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us.

Year 6

In English, the text has been about two girls who were best friends during World War II and one of them was Jewish and was arrested by the French police. We have been learning about passive voice, noun phrases and cohesion.

In Maths, we have been learning about the divisibility rules and how to use them. We have been doing factors, multiples and primes.

In History, we have learned about the Liverpool blitz and WW2. We enjoyed going to the museum on a school trip.

In RE we learned about commitment and how life boat crew and firefighters show it.

In Personal Development we learned about mental health. We learned who to tell if we think our mental health has a problem and what to do to control it.

In Circle Time we have been learning about online safety, the age restrictions for apps, what to do if you see something inappropriate and who to tell.

In PE we have done Handball and Basketball. In Basketball we learned the different types of passes and how to shoot. In Handball we practised passing and matches.

In Geography, we learned about maps and grid references and how to use them. We looked at a map of Liverpool and drawn the route that we took on our trip.

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