

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2021

Themed Half Term: All Around the World

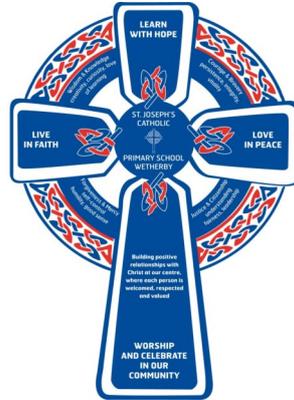
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We hope you enjoyed a lovely half-term break and we are really excited for this next half-term together and the run up to Christmas!

PE days will continue to be Wednesday and Friday this half-term.

With best wishes,

Miss Corr and Mrs Harris



Phonics assessments will be conducted in the weeks beginning 15th November and 22nd November.

Details of the KS1 Christmas Production to follow.

RE

Our unit of learning in RE is Mysteries. We will be exploring the Trinity and the Annunciation, as well as the ways in which we celebrate the miracle and mystery of Jesus' birth, both in this country and around the world. Children will have lots of opportunities to learn creatively, to wonder and ask questions, and to explore their own faith in preparation for Christmas.

English

Our key text this half-term is the wonderful picture book, 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak.

We will use it to explore list writing, proper nouns and to consolidate our sentence writing skills. It will also inspire our own imaginative story-writing, filled with adjectives and adverbs. Later in the term, we will link our learning to our Geography topic All Around the World and explore non-fiction writing about different places.

Mathematics

This half-term we are focussing on addition and subtraction. We will learn a variety of strategies to help us add and subtract, both crossing 10 and not crossing 10. We will be applying our understanding of place value from last half-term and use number facts, like number bonds and doubles, to help us check our answers.

Science

This half-term our Science unit is all about Living Things and their Environment. We will explore what is living, dead and never been alive! We will link our learning to our topic, All Around the World, and explore different habitats including polar and tropical habitats. We will finish this unit of learning by looking at food chains and children will have opportunities to demonstrate their understanding by writing fact-files.

Computing

This half-term, we will develop children's drawing control on technology. We will link our learning to Art to create self-portraits. We will also use the internet safely to research habitats in different parts of the world as part of our Science and Geography learning.

History/Geography

Our Geography based topic this half-term is All Around the World. This learning will begin during Heritage Week, where we will explore where in the world we all come from and create a class map! Children will then learn to name and identify continents and oceans and explore different regions and habitats. This topic links closely to our Science learning, about Living Things and their Environments, and we will apply our learning in English lessons writing fact-files. We will use our geography knowledge to find out how other parts of the world celebrate Christmas and have a go at a few of their traditions!

Art/DT

Our first project is to draw self-portraits to make passports to help us travel around the world this half-term. We will be developing our understanding of line and explore this through pencil drawing and in technology. We will then travel to South America to look at the collaged self-portraits of Freida Kahlo and use her work as a starting point for our own. We will also have opportunities to consolidate our DT skills by creating Christmas crafts.

PE

We are continue to explore moving with control and will be learning different styles of dance from around the world, including African dance to accompany drumming and European ballet. We will finish the term by playing PE games and learning what it means to be a good team player.

MFL

To enrich our Geography topic, All Around the World, we will be learning the vocabulary for lots of different foods in French!

Music

Our Music lessons will be spent preparing for our Christmas production. We will enjoy learning to sing songs and recognise the beat and count rests in songs to help our performances. We will talk about dynamics and singing with expression and feeling.

PSHE

In PSHE this half-term we will be learning how we stay healthy. We will look at the physical and mental benefits of exercise and eating a healthy diet, as well as the importance of rest and sleep. We will also revisit our learning from Year 1 about privacy using NSPCC Pants resources. Later in the half-term, we will explore friendships and what it means to be a good friend. We will use role play to explore common challenges and ways to become more independent in solving difficulties.

Homework

- Spellings are issued (both online on Spelling Shed and in books) every Friday, for a test the following Friday. 
- Mathematics and Reading Eggs activities are set every week and Miss Corr has a look to see how everyone is getting on with these tasks!
- Please continue to read daily/ as often as you can with your child. Remember reading to your child has lots of benefits too!
- Please visit the Homework section at the bottom of the Year 2 web page on our school website to find additional, optional tasks related to your child's learning this half term.