



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School – Year 2 – Autumn 2nd



“Seeking Growth Together Through Jesus”

English

Our focus for this half term will be exploring the book 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown. During whole class reading sessions, we will be delving into Stanley's world and joining him on his great adventures. We will take turns to read together and look at how we add expression and intonation into our voices. Equally, we will take time to discuss key themes and questions arising from the story relating to journeys, heroes and how people are treated equally or not. Our writing will continue to focus on using punctuation accurately, including capital letters full stops and exclamation marks. Also, we will focus on how to extend our sentences using a range of conjunctions such as and, but, or, because, so, if and when.

We also follow the Read Write Inc spelling scheme in which the children will become familiar with key vocabulary such as suffixes. Handwriting and presentation will be a key focus throughout this half term. The children will follow the Nelson handwriting scheme in which they begin to form letters together in their own cursive style. We are prioritising the teaching of common exception words, and these can be found on the homework overview on the school website. We encourage our children to continue to read each night to develop fluency, a love of reading and expand their vocabulary.



Maths



This half term we will be focussing most of our attention in maths on calculations, especially addition and subtraction. We will be spending lots of time adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers, including:

- Number bonds to 10, 20 and to 100 (in multiples of 10)
- Adding and subtracting ones.
- Adding 3 one-digit numbers.
- Finding 10 more or 10 less than a number.
- Comparing number sentences.
- Finding missing number problems.

As always, we will be using a range of manipulatives to assist us in our lessons like NUMICON and multi link cubes.

Each lesson we will be exploring an anchor task – a number based problem to launch into our learning and we will be recording our findings in our own maths journals.

Furthermore, each Friday morning will be taking a KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) test. This half term the focus of the questions will be on number bonds to 20, including addition and subtraction.

Also, we will be using One Minute Maths and Bloket on the IPADS to improve our speed of recall of these key number facts.

Science

This half term the children will delve deeper into the topic of 'Growing up and taking care'. In this unit of work we will be learning all about our lives and the changes that we go through as we grow up.

Each lesson will have a particular focus question that we will be exploring. These include:

- What do babies need to survive and thrive?
- How have we changed?
- How do we change throughout our lives?
- What food should we eat?
- How can we stay fit?
- How can we stay clean?

We will particularly focus in on what we need to survive as humans and also how we can stay fit and healthy.

We will investigate the difference between healthy and unhealthy diet choices.

Also, we will be learning about how to lead and maintain a healthy lifestyle in relation to daily exercise and how much sleep we need. This will link with our Design and Technology topic.

Religious Education

In Year 2, our curriculum driver words are to:

- Describe
- Ask

Our overarching topic is called 'Preparation and celebration' and our focus this half term is to learn about how we can come together as a faith community in Church. We will also be learning about the Jewish religion, including how and where they worship and comparing this to our Catholic faith.

Also, we will be learning about the season of Advent and how we use this time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We will focus in on the Nativity story, recounting what happened and who was involved. We will also be performing our own version of the Nativity story on Thursday 15th December in Church for families to come and enjoy.

We will also learn the following prayers and Mass responses:

- Glory be...
- Gospel responses
- Our Father and Hail Mary...





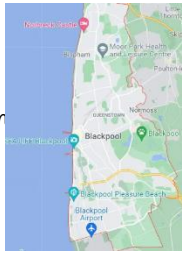
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Geography

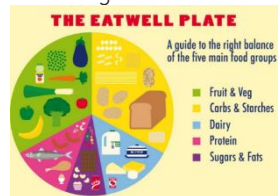
After half term we will look at Coastline of Blackpool and if the weather is nice we will go for a drive in the mini bus to see features of it. We will continue the work from Year 1 in looking at the 7 continents and 5 oceans. The children look at the geographical similarities and differences of an area in the UK and an area in a non-European country.



Design and Technology

In Design and Technology this half term, the children will be exploring fruit and vegetables.

The children will look at a range of common fruit and vegetables. They will also look at the eatwell plate and basic hygiene practices. Children will design and make a Polish salad.



Music

All the learning in this unit is focused around a Christmas-themed song ‘Ho Ho Ho’. The children will throughout this unit:

- Listen and appraise the song ‘Ho Ho Ho’.
- Learn to sing and perform the song.
- Play the Glockenspiel along with the song, notes A, B, D and G.

Physical Education

Our Physical Education topics are:

- Athletics
- Dance

In this half term, children will work with Mr Hitchon to develop their athletic skills in outdoor lessons on Wednesday, including running, hopping and jumping.

On Mondays in the hall we will be learning a particular style of dance and allowing the children some creativity in creating their own dance routines.



ICT and Computing

Learners will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.



A prime focus this half term which will run throughout the year will be the importance of internet safety and the children knowing how and why to stay safe online. The children will recognise that working together on the internet can be public or private.

Relationships & Health Education (RHE)

Emotional Well-Being

The children will meet presenters Jayden and Josie and fictional character Super Susie. They will help children to understand and articulate their own changing feelings and how other people’s feelings might differ from theirs. Children will learn how they can manage their feelings and about the consequences of their actions.

Then we will look at Life Cycles. To show that God created us to follow the cycle of life and He loves us at every stage. Children will learn about the specifics of the human life cycle and celebrate how they have already changed and grown.



Seeking Growth Together

During ‘Seeking Growth Together’ time we will focus on learning about:

- Rule of Law (British Values)
- Democracy (British Values)
- Health and Well-Being
- Gospel Values
- Mutual Respect (British Values)
- Global Learning

Our creative approach to teaching Seeking Growth Together will be led by our school ‘drivers’ including: *oracy, metacognition, P4C and journaling.*

