



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School – Year 2 – Spring 1st



“Seeking Growth Together Through Jesus”

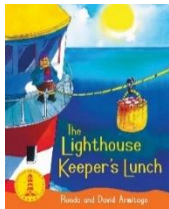
English

Our focus for this half term will be exploring the book ‘The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch’ by Ronda and David Armitage.

During whole class reading sessions, we will be exploring the world of the lighthouse keeper and finding out if they can stop the greedy seagulls from stealing the lighthouse keeper’s lunch. 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 ReadWriteInc spelling scheme in which the children will become familiar with key vocabulary such as suffixes.

As ever, 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 shape including:

- Recognising 2-d and 3-d shapes.
- Drawing 2-d shapes.
- Sorting 2-d and 3-d shapes.
- Finding lines of symmetry on shapes.
- Making patterns with shapes.

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 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 recalling doubles and halves of numbers up to 20.

Also, we will be using One Minute Maths and Blooket 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 ‘Living things: What is your habitat?’. In this unit of work we will be learning all about our different animals and their habitats.

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

- What do living things need to survive?
- How are different animals suited to live in different habitats?
- Could I survive without...?
- What would I need to survive if I lived in...?

We will also be researching and producing a fact file about our key linked Scientific person Gerald Durrell.



Religious Education

In Year 2, our curriculum driver words are to:

- Describe
- Ask

Our overarching topic is called ‘The Good News’ and our focus this half term is to learn about how Jesus showed love and respect to others through the Gospel stories, especially the parables he taught, such as the Good Samaritan.

Also, we will be learning about the Jewish faith, in particular how and where Jewish people worship God and the links this faith has with our own Catholic beliefs.

Equally, we will be sharing class assemblies (2L 27th Jan and 2W 10th Feb)

We will also learn the following prayers and Mass responses:

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





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History

The children will first look at our late Queen Elizabeth II and all she did for our country and beyond.

The children will then look at the Plague of 1665. They will find out about the rats that spread the disease and how it killed millions of people across Europe.



Art

Exploring the world through monoprint

We will be building on the exploration of drawing in Autumn 1. The children will explore drawing from photographs as well as drawing from small closely observed objects. Children will be introduced to Monoprint and will explore an artist who uses monoprint in their work.



Music

All the learning in this unit is focused around the song 'I wanna play in a band'. This is a rock song so get your air guitars ready! The children will throughout this unit:

- Listen and appraise different rock songs.
- Learn to sing and perform the song 'I wanna play in a band.'
- Create their own musical accompaniments to the song for a performance.



Physical Education

Our Physical Education topics are:

- Athletics
- Team work and problem solving

In this half term, children will continue to develop their athletic skills, building on their improving fundamental movement skills.

Furthermore, the children will be starting to learn about being a team player, encouraging and supporting each team member to try their best. Our character focus will be collaboration and perseverance to help us in each lesson.

ICT and Computing

Learners will explore using individual commands, both with other learners and as part of a computer program. They will identify what each floor robot command does and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs. The unit is paced to ensure time is spent on all aspects of programming and builds knowledge in a structured manner. Learners are also introduced to the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.



Relationships & Health Education

(RHE)

Created to Love Others explores the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe.

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.*

