



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



“Seeking Growth Together Through Jesus”

English

Our focus for this half term will be exploring the book ‘The Hedgehog’ by Dick King Smith. During whole class reading sessions, we will be adventuring with Max, the hedgehog who wants to cross the road to find new exciting things.

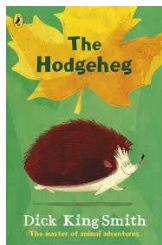
Our writing will move onto using different sentence openers and



ambitious adjectives. 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.

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 and begin looking at fractions. In particular the children will be learning to find a fraction of an amount, an object or shape. This will include shading or finding a half or quarter of a shape or number.

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 multiplication and division facts for the 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

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

Which pictures show $\frac{1}{2}$?



Science

This half term the children will delve deeper into the topic of ‘The Apprentice Gardener’. In this unit of work we will be learning all about how to be good gardeners and how plants grow!

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

- What do seeds grow into?
- What do gardeners need to know?
- How should we plant seeds?
- How tall will they grow?
- How can we care for our seeds and plants?

We will be observing over time how seeds grow and develop into plants and recording our observations. We will also link this topic to the book ‘The Tiny seed’ by Anders Celius.



Religious Education

In Year 2, our curriculum driver words are to:

- Describe
- Ask

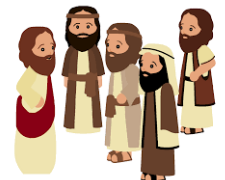
Our overarching topic is called ‘Follow Me’ and our focus this half term is to learn about how Jesus gathered his followers as a community, teaching love and forgiveness. We will especially focus on the story of the Prodigal Son and reflect on how the father in the story behaves like God who is always loving and forgiving.

Also, we will be learning about the key events in the life of Jesus in Holy Week, leading up to Good Friday, including: Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and Good Friday. We will look at the key characters in these events and how Jesus acted.

We will also learn the following prayers and Mass responses:

- Glory be...
- Gospel responses
- I confess

(from Mass)





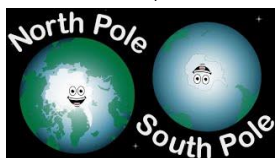
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Geography

The children will identify seasonal and daily weather patterns. Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. The children will also look at our local area and see the weather pattern associated with Blackpool.



Design and Technology

Mechanisms – Wheels and Axles

The children will explore a range of wheeled products such as cars, trains, trams and they will consider how they will move. They will assemble wheels and axels by fixed or free axels. Children will design make and evaluate a product associated with Blackpool such as a tram or rollercoaster carriage.



Music

All the learning in this unit is focused around the song reggae ‘Zootime’. The children will throughout this unit:

- Listen and appraise different reggae songs, commenting on vocals and instruments used in the songs.
- Learn to sing and perform the song ‘Zootime.’
- Create their own musical accompaniments to the song for a performance.



Physical Education

Our Physical Education topics are:

- Striking and fielding
- Dance

In this half term, children will use their outdoor PE lessons to focus on the unit striking and fielding, including developing throwing, catching and batting skills.

Furthermore, the children will be starting to learn a dance to link with our Seaside theme of our local area. The children will learn and perfect different movements building up to an overall performance. Our key character focus words will be self-belief and determination.

What is Data?



ICT and Computing

Data and Information – Pictograms

This unit introduces the learners to the term ‘data’. Learners will begin to understand what data means and how this can be collected in the form of a tally chart. They will learn the term ‘attribute’ and use this to help them organise data. They will then progress onto presenting data in the form of pictograms and finally block diagrams. Learners will use the data presented to answer questions.

Soccer		5
Tennis		2
Football		12
Baseball		10
Basketball		9



Relationships & Health Education (RHE)

In this Unit - Keeping Safe, Super Susie helps children to tell the difference between good and bad secrets. This unit also explores the risks of being online by incorporating the ‘Smartie the Penguin’ resources from Childnet, and teaching on physical boundaries, incorporating the PANTS resource by the NSPCC. Through the animated expert Dr Datfa, children will also learn about the effects of harmful substances (including alcohol and tobacco), some basic First Aid, what makes a 999 emergency and what they should do if in an emergency situation.

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.*

