

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 2

Spring Term 1

English

Our focus book in English this half term is the non-fiction book 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams. Here the children will develop skills to support them in writing a diary entry as Samuel Pepys. We will be continuing to have Phonics lessons and handwriting practice every day and use VIPERS for whole class guided reading sessions to support the children in developing their fluency, retrieval and inference skills.

Maths

This half term, the children will be introduced to multiplication and division. The children will recall multiplication and division facts, calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division, use the multiplication, division and equals signs and solve problems including multiplication and division using arrays, mental methods and multiplication and division facts.

Science

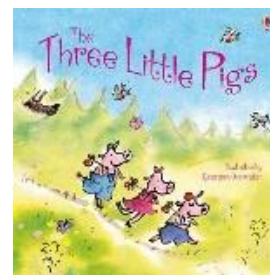
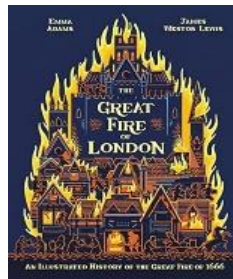
In Science, we will be learning about materials. During this unit of work, children will learn about different everyday materials such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, rubber, rock, fabric, paper and brick. They will identify the properties of these materials and conduct investigations to explore how different materials are better suited for different objects through well-known stories. Children will also explore how some of these materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching them.

RE

In RE, we will start by learning about the Local Church focusing on the books used in church. Here the children will understand why the Gospels are important, recognise the story of the Baptism of Jesus, describe books the parish family use and describe how the Gospels are used by the parish family. Later on, we will learn about Eucharist focusing on thanksgiving. We will learn that Mass is a special time to give thanks to God, retell the story of the Last Supper, learn about the parts of Mass, described how the parish family celebrate the Eucharist and describe how Catholics try to live what they have experienced at Mass in their daily lives.

History

In History this half term is 'The Great Fire of London'. In this topic the children will discover what London was like in 1666 and make comparisons between life then and the present day. We will discuss why the fire spread so quickly and how it was tackled. The children will be introduced to key historical individuals, such as Thomas Farriner, Samuel Pepys, King Charles II and Christopher Wren. We will explore our Great Fire of London 'Box of Delight' from the Discovery museum to aid our understanding of this topic.



Computing

In Computing we will learn how to use two hands for typing. Then we will be learning how to design our own layout for a document and use spell checker. We will also use ScratchJr to reinforce coding concepts through the use of puzzle pieces.

DT

Our unit in DT this half term is 'Fire Engines'. This unit links to our History topic 'The Great Fire of London' and our Science topic of 'Materials'. Here the children will explore and use mechanisms, wheels and axels and select a range of tools and materials to make their own moving fire engines.

PSHE

We will continue to use our Ten:Ten scheme in our PSHE sessions to explore the theme 'Created and loved by God'. The children will learn how they can manage their feelings and discuss consequences of certain actions. The children will also learn about the specifics of the human life cycle, including the end of life.

PE

The children will develop their throwing, catching, striking and fielding skills in PE. The children will learn new passes and catching techniques to support them in playing bench ball. We will continue to work closely with NUFC foundation in delivering our striking and fielding sessions to enable the children to play a game of hockey.