

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 2 Spring Term (1)

English

This half term our first focus book is a non-fiction text 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams. The children will develop skills to support them in writing a diary entry as Samuel Pepys. Our second book is 'If I were in Charge of the World' by Judith Vorst, at the end of the unit the children will write their own poem 'If I were in Charge ...' We will be continuing to have RWI phonics lessons and handwriting practice every day. We will have guided reading sessions to support the children in developing their fluency, retrieval and inference skills.

Maths

In Maths we will focus on Multiplication and Division. Doubling halving; quotative and partitive division We will then begin adding two two-digit numbers using a column grid method. Our final Maths unit is measurement. The children will begin by learning about money. Here, the children will recognise and use symbols for pounds and pence, find different combinations of coins to make given amounts and solve money problems.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about Materials. The 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 learn about the Local Church focusing on the books used in church. The children will understand why the Gospels are important and recognise the story of the Baptism of Jesus. We will learn about the different parts of the Mass and that Mass is a special time to give thanks to God. We will describe how the parish family celebrate the Eucharist and describe how Catholics try to live out in their daily lives what they have experienced at Mass.



History

Our topic in History is 'The Great Fire of London'. 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 Samuel Pepys, King Charles II and Christopher Wren. We will compare 'The Great Fire of London' with 'The Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead'. We will take part in an organised visit to investigate the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead.

Computing

Our focus is on using technology safely and respectfully and keeping personal information private. Children will know where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact with others on the internet or other online technologies.

Design and Technology

In our DT lessons we will be designing and making a free standing structure, a chair for Baby Bear. The children will investigate the properties of different materials and the purpose of making structures out of specific materials. This will support the children in designing and creating their chair for Baby Bear.

Music

In Music our focus is on identifying and appraising Rock music using the correct musical vocabulary. The children will learn the song 'I Wanna Play in a Band' and will perform it to an audience. They will also learn about key artists which include Queen, Deep Purple, Status Quo, Chuck Berry and The Beatles. it.

PSHE

In PSHE we will use the Ten Ten scheme to continue the theme 'Created and loved by God'. We will then move on to 'Created to love others'. The school nursing team will deliver the NSPCC program PANTS which teaches our pupils how to keep their body safe.

PE

Our focus in PE is gymnastics. The children will be learning different rolls and jumps as well as learning about how to sequence moves and use apparatus safely. We will be working closely with NUFC foundation in delivering our sessions. They will also use and further develop skills of throwing, catching, dodging etc. learnt last half term and use them in target games