

St Mary Queen of Martyrs Voluntary Catholic Academy

Term: Autumn 2

Year Group: Foundation Stage 2

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will be encouraged to manage their feelings.
- We will be working on identifying our own emotions as well as monitoring our feelings and behaviours.
- We will continue to help the children learn sharing and cooperating skills for when they are playing with their friends.
- We will be encouraging and showing the children how to wash their hands properly. We will talk about why this is very important.
- We will always be modelling positive behavior and highlighting exemplary behavior to set a good example to all.
- We will teach the children about thinking of the perspectives of others.
- We will be talking to the children, and teaching them to be healthy by:
 - Taking part in regular physical activity
 - Making healthy eating choices (done through snack-time)
 - Toothbrushing

Communication and Language

- Children will continue to be encouraged to listen carefully and understand why listening is important.
- We will be learning lots of new vocabulary this term – linked to our topic of real-life superheroes but also in other areas of the curriculum too.
- We will be helping the children to describe events in detail, thinking about the order events happen in.
- We always will be encouraging the children to engage in story time.
- We want to embed and continue to develop the children's social skills, such as saying 'Good morning!' or 'Are you feeling ok?', or stating 'Please don't do that, I don't like it!'.

Mathematics

- In Maths children will be reciting numbers, and becoming more confident in counting past 10.
- They will be focusing on the numbers 6-10 this half term, learning about them in more detail.
- They will be using language such as 'more than', 'less than' and 'equal to'.
- Children will be finding about what a number 'is' and also what a number 'isn't' (for example, when looking at the number 7, we will also explain why 5 objects isn't represented by the number 7).
- The children will be using concrete (physical materials), and pictures to learn about numbers.
- They will be continuing to subitise the numbers 6-10 (being able to recognise amounts without counting and making mathematical connections), as well as looking at previous numbers taught.
- We will be comparing numbers, using numbers the children have been taught so far.
- The children will learn how to explain what a number can be made up of (for example, 8 can be made from 4 and 4, or 3 and 5).
- Children will be discovering, making and understanding ABC ($\Delta \diamond O \Delta \diamond O \Delta \diamond O$) patterns.
- We will be using positional language (such as next to, opposite, in front of, behind etc).

Religious Education

- This half term, we will be focusing on a number of topics.
- We will be continuing our topic on Baptism, learning all about the sacrament of Baptism and what we might expect to see in the church.
 - We will be studying Judaism, looking at and comparing Jewish artefacts, Jewish events and celebrations.
 - We will then move onto our topic of Advent, learning about the way Christians prepare for Jesus' arrival.
- As always, we will continue to work with our children on developing their interactions, feelings and emotions with others through the stories of God and Jesus from the Bible.

Literacy

We will be continuing to work with the children on learning single letter and 'special friend' sounds in Read Write Inc (phonics). We will be working on:

- Reading the individual letter sounds and blending sounds together to make words (sh - o - p = shop)
- Reading some common exception words (such as I, the, me)
- Beginning to read simple books linked to the children's phonetic ability
- Forming lower-case and some capital letters correctly
- Writing words and phrases to express our ideas

We will be reading the books 'The Little Yellow Leaf' and 'Stickman' as part of our writing topics.

Physical Development

- Pupils will be refining their existing fundamental movements techniques, such as rolling, crawling, walking and jumping.
- They will be progressing to a more fluent movement style.
- They will also be developing ball skills such as catching, kicking, aiming and throwing.
- We will be making warming winter vegetable soups to keep us warm. The children will be using and developing fine motor skills by using knives, forks and scissors.

Understanding the World

This term we will be looking at:

- Celebrations from different cultures and different family traditions
- What happened on Bonfire Night and what were the events leading up to it?
- Why we celebrate different events

We will also be looking at:

- Seasonal changes, especially between Autumn and Winter
- Listening to different seasonal sounds and noises
- Making shadows

We will also be looking at a different religion and celebrating the differences between our different cultures.

Expressive Arts and Design

In art this half term, we will be focusing on:

- Refining a variety of artistic effects and presenting our ideas in different ways by creating 'autumnal texture pictures'
- Creating firework pictures using a range of materials, including
- Making seasonal cards for celebrations

We will be making a winter vegetable soup to keep us warm.

We will also be listening to music for our Christmas production and singing in the correct pitch and tone.