



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Marnhull

Year 1- St Anthony's Class

Autumn 2020

A big welcome back to all our children and families. It was so great to see all the children returning with big smiles on their faces. Our aim this term is to ensure the children experience a smooth transition back into school. We will be encouraging the Year 1 children to become more independent learners and as the older members of the class they will be taking on lots of important roles. Our topics this half term will be 'Getting to Know You' and 'Colours of Autumn'

English

Our first focus stories are related to feelings, These stories include, 'The Colour Monster', 'Emily Brown and the Thing' and 'The Problem with Problems' After half term we will be listening to and retelling stories with an Autumn theme. These will include 'Leaf Man' and 'Owl Babies'. Once the children can confidently retell these stories we will begin writing sentences to match our retelling. The children will be encouraged to say their sentences out loud and to listen carefully to sounds in words as they write. There will be a focus on remembering finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. The children will continue to learn phonic sounds in their daily phonic sessions. These will include digraphs and trigraphs - groups of two or three letters that make sounds in a word like 'oo' and 'igh'.

Maths

In maths, the children will begin by identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictures. They will be counting forwards and backwards to 20 and then 50. They will be finding numbers that are more or less than a given number. They will be learning to read numbers in both numerals and words to 20. The children will be learning the correct number formation. We will be identifying the value of different numbers in a two digit number. Our daily maths lesson will include an element of problem solving and we will discuss these using mathematical language.

Topic

Our first topic will give the children the opportunity to recognise different emotions and to talk about their own feelings. They will learn that all feelings are OK but that we should take care to always treat others kindly even when we are feeling sad or cross. As the days become more autumnal we will encourage the children to be aware of these changes. In Science they will be reminded of the 4 seasons and how they differ. We will take the children on welly walks to experience the season for themselves. They will be aware of the weather related to different seasons and seasonal changes. We will also learn about the many animals that can be found in our local area at this time of year and we will begin thinking about how we can look after these animals. In Geography we will be exploring our local area and locating our school on a map. In PE Mrs Finch will be teaching Games and

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Family

Know and understand:
The love and care shown in the family.
God's love and care for every family

Belonging

Know and understand:
About belonging to different groups.
That Baptism is an invitation to belong to God's family

Loving

- About the times that it is necessary to wait and the use of that time
- That Advent is a time of waiting to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas.

Athletics. Finally, in Computing, we will be practising logging on and off the computer and using basic paint and word processing skills.

How you can help your child:

Reading: Every child will read as part of a small group in class once a week in addition to being heard individually. Hearing your child read at home is really important as this regular practice will help them to progress both in their reading and writing. When reading with your child encourage them to sound out words that they don't know and ask them simple questions after they have read e.g.: what was the main character called, why did he do that, what was your favourite part of the story etc. Once children have read at home four times a week for ten weeks they will get a certificate so please record any reading in your child's reading record.

Writing: Encouraging your child to write at home will make them more enthusiastic about writing. A few ideas for purposeful writing are shopping list, messages for family members or notes to friends. The children are encouraged to bring in to school any writing they have done at home where they will be praised and invited to share it with the rest of the class.

Spelling: Children are taught phonics every day in school where they will learn the sounds that individual and groups of letters make together. They will bring home cards with the phonemes they have learnt on them. When writing it is important to encourage them to listen to the sounds in the words that they are trying to spell and write down the sounds that they can hear.

Maths: The children are beginning to see that mathematical concepts are not just happening in our numeracy lessons. They are beginning to understand that maths can happen anywhere and at any time! Please promote this as much as you can, if you see interesting numbers or shapes anywhere show this to your child and see how much they know!

Bookbags: Bookbags should be brought into school every day and kept on your child's peg. Reading Records are checked several times a week when children are heard read individually. Children are not able to change their own books, this will be done with the help of an adult.

PE kit:

Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on **Monday** and **Friday**. Children will be doing PE outside as much as possible. It would be best if they came dressed in a pair of jogging bottoms, a t-shirt, a school hoodie and daps/trainers. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure their earrings are removed or taped on these days. Please make sure uniform is named so things don't get lost.

Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure your child has a coat in school for outdoor play and learning. If you have waterproof trousers and wellies they would be great for our welly walks.

Uniform

We have to keep our windows open in school. As the weather becomes colder please keep this in mind and ensure the children have layers on.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. I really look forward to teaching your children this year!

Many thanks,

Ellie Myatt