St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Class 1 Curriculum Overview Spring 1

Class Novels /Texts

In Class One we read several stories per week, however we do closely link certain texts to our work in English. This half term these will include Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers as well as a variety of non-fiction texts about penguins.

English

This half term we will read the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and others by him. We will make predictions and write character descriptions. We will then learn off by heart a new story about a little lost penguin using a story map to help us. Our unit will end with us creating our own story map about a new lost animal. We will then write our own stories based on the original.
For the last couple of weeks we then move onto a new unit based on writing information texts about penguins. We will watch videos and read non-fiction books to learn as much as we can before creating our own penguin fact files.
We continue to have our daily phonics and reading sessions which will focus on learning new sounds from phase 3 for Reception and new sounds from phase 5 for Year 1.Each child in Year 1 will continue be given 5 spellings per week to learn. We ask you to practise these at home.

R.E

This half term we are learning about the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem . We will focus on the visit of the Wise Men and the gifts that they brought to Jesus.

Maths

We will be looking at the place value of numbers to 20 and the different ways we can show numbers to 20 such as using tens frames and numicon. We will be using number lines to estimate and we will be finding one more and one less for numbers to 20.

Science

This half term we will be learning all about everyday materials. We will learn to name an object and identify the material that it is made from—glass, wood, metal, plastic, rock, water etc. We will work in groups to sort objects that have the same properties. We will also conduct experiments in order to find out which materials will be the best choice for different uses—the lining of a dog bed and a shelter from the rain. We will use our results to answer questions.

Wider Curriculum Opportunities:

Weekly forest school sessions will continue for Reception on a Friday with Wildwood Days joining our school team. These sessions will link to our history, science and geography topics. We will also continue our learning in our outdoor area with material hunts and frost walks. We will visit the school library to choose books that we can read for pleasure at home with a grown up.

Wider Curriculum

Geography:

This half term we are learning about the United Kingdom and the four countries that make up the UK. We will be looking at what the weather is like in the UK and places that are hot or cold.

PSHE:

We will continue with 'My Happy Mind' and will be looking at the different areas of the brain and what they do.

Computing:

This half term our focus is on programming. We will use the Beebots and learn to identify what each floor robot command does and use that knowledge to predict the outcome of programmes.

Art:

We will learn about primary colours and experiment with colour mixing to create secondary colours.

Music:

We will journey into the unknown and explore under the sea through music, movement, chanting and the playing of tuned percussion instruments.

P.E.

This half term the children will be learning about gymnastics.