



Nazareth Class

Year 2

Autumn Term 1



Welcome back to school! We hope that all of our children and families have had an enjoyable summer break and are refreshed and excited to learn! 😊 Parents, thank you for taking time to read the following information. We look forward to sharing your child's learning with you as the term progresses.

Remember
to check the
calendar on
the website!

OUR ENGLISH TEXT:

'The Magic Faraway Tree' by Enid Blyton

English

Linking to our learning this term, we will be focussing on the text 'The Magic Faraway Tree'.

Together, we will delve into the story through hot seating, drama and role play, to help to grasp a firm understanding of the characters, their actions and motivations. This will be followed by working to construct descriptive writing techniques, using features such as adjectives and similes, focusing first on a setting description. Following this, the children will move on to developing their persuasive writing skills by using imperative verbs when write their own persuasive leaflets. We will also spend some time this term working with poetry, focussed around our class principle of Catholic Social Teaching 'Common Good'.

We believe in
thinking of
everyone



Maths

This term the children will be working primarily with number. The term starts with developing their understanding of the Place Value system. The children will learn to recognise the place value of each digit in a 2- and 3-digit number (hundreds, tens and ones), followed by developing their ability to identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations. We will be looking at placing numbers on number lines from smallest to biggest. Following this, we will be looking at rounding numbers using our place value knowledge to the next multiple of 10. This will be bookended with some work on solving number and practical problems that involve all of the above, especially using our number bond knowledge and with increasingly large numbers. In the later part of the term, we will continue to work with number, with a focus on the operations of addition and subtraction, whilst using manipulatives such as numicon / rekenreks to support learning.

Religious Education

Together in RE we will be exploring "Creation and Covenant", looking at the different parts of the Bible and hear the story of Noah. The focus of learning is God's promise, or covenant, with Noah and with all creatures, that God will not act again to destroy creation.

Key words: Old Testament, New Testament, creation, psalm, Noah, covenant, stewardship

Science

This term we will be exploring the topic of Plants. The children will delve into and come to understand, the various different parts of a plant, that each part has a different job, the life cycle of a plant and what is inside a seed. The children will be carrying out many experiments and investigations through this term.

Key Words: seedling, root, geminate, bulb, bud, seed

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

In **Geography**, we will be learning about the geographical and locational knowledge of Nigeria. This will entail further exploration of maps, discussion around what they are and how they are used. We will then move on to exploring the country of Nigeria, learning where the country is, how it differs to where we live here in the UK and discovering its various human and physical features.

Key words: Yoruba People, Lagos, Nigeria Delta, Savannah

Meanwhile, in **Art**, we will be exploring the medium of painting, contextualised through the work of Olapade Ajibola. This will involve focussing on a variety of techniques which Ajibola conveyed and created; exploring the life of Ajibola and how she portrayed complex art through the use of primary and secondary colours, hot and cold colours, and tints and shades; before finally creating our own piece of art.

Key Words: shape, design, tone, tint, secondary colours, texture

P.E

PE sessions will take place each week on a Thursday and Friday. Our focus this term will be on Gymnastics skills and developing ball skills whilst travelling.

Computing

Computing (I.T.) is a key element of our everyday lives and this is reflected in how it is weaved throughout the curriculum – a variety of skills will be integrated into our learning through cross curricular activities, as well as through specific teaching. This term, we will be focussing on what I.T. is, I.T. in school and out in the world, how to keep safe when using computers, and learning about the benefits of I.T.

IMPORTANT DAYS EACH WEEK:

PE will take place on a Thursday and Friday. Children must wear their correct PE kits all day and ONLY on these days.

Children are expected to have guided reading books for reading sessions, which they will select from the class book corner. Additional homework will also be set, and this will be done via email every Friday.

USEFUL LINKS:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.ARbookfinder.com

www.mathsframe.com

We hope you
are as excited
for the year as
we are!

