



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Marnhull

Summer Term 2019

St Francis' Class

Welcome to the Summer Term! We are continuing with our creative curriculum topic, 'It's a Wonderful World' from the Spring term and then will move onto 'There be Pirates and Smugglers' after half term. This is just a 5 week half term and the highlight will be our residential from 7th – 8th May at the New Barn Field Centre. Everyone is so excited about this trip and I am too – I know we will have a great time exploring the Stone Age and all the excellent activities that they run up at New Barn. Here is an overview of this term's learning. As always I will update regularly on Class Dojo all the different activities that we do in class.

English:

Our literacy lessons will be closely linked to our creative curriculum topics. We will be reading extracts from 'Stig of the Dump' and 'The Stone Age Boy.' These books will be used to inspire the children in all their different forms of **writing** and will also increase their knowledge of the Stone Age. Already the children have written a poem to enter in the Tip Top Tree poetry competition run by the Somerset Literacy Trust. We will look forward to writing newspaper articles about our trip to New Barn and then writing discussion pieces about the pros and cons of living in the Stone Age compared to modern life. After half term there will opportunities for more narrative story writing and a persuasive text. There will continue to be a constant focus on vocabulary building.

Spelling (including phonics), Punctuation and Grammar.

We will continue teach the rules, strategies and conventions of spelling, punctuation and Grammar with a particular focus this term on tenses and accurate punctuation.

Guided Reading

Children continue to have guided reading sessions throughout the week in groups that are appropriate to their reading ability. These are based around the Bug Club Scheme that your children can also log onto and read at home. Please do continue to encourage your child to log on to their Bug Club libraries to read at home too.

Maths:

Where possible, our maths learning will be placed into the meaningful context of our topics and everyday lives.

In our daily maths lessons this term, we will cover the following topics:

Money – including adding and subtracting amounts of money for change. Rounding money up to the nearest pound and 10p. Connected with our Enterprise Project.

Statistics – being able to interpret and create data in different ways. Connected to the activities at New Barn.

Geometry – properties of shapes-connected to living in the Stone Age and what 3d shapes were used for long ago.

Mass and Capacity (Yr 3)

Position and Direction (Yr 4)

We will continue to review:

Place-value of numbers up to

10,000. **Time** – digital, analogue

and 24 hour. **Mental and written**

methods for addition, subtraction,

multiplication and division. **Times**

Tables – for the year 4s this will be

all the times tables up to 12 times

table and they will take a pilot of the

national test in June which will be 25

questions that they will take online.

More details on this to follow as the

format of this becomes clearer.

Problem solving and investigating

activities will include all of the areas

listed above.

RE:

We will continue to teach RE using the Catholic RE scheme, 'God Matters' with extra guidance from our Diocese (Plymouth).

We will be covering the following topics:

- Easter
- Pentecost
- Sikhism
- Hinduism.

PSHE - A Journey in Love'

this is the Catholic primary school resource for Sex and Relationship Education and will be taught with the year groups separately over the next half term.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you want any more details as to the content of this learning in your child's year group.

Science:

We will be concluding our Habitat Helpers unit with our focus on recycling in our DT topic. 'We will then be starting the **Greatly Green Growers** topic that connects to Our Wonderful topic theme. This learning will form part of our continuing Enterprise Project of growing vegetables and flowers to sell. This will include developing the children's investigative skills and ability. After half term our topic will be 'This Planet Rocks.' More details to follow on our Enterprise Project as it develops over the coming weeks.

DT:

The children will be designing and making their own object by upcycling the recycling materials from the staff room over the past ½ term. This includes a plan, choosing the best materials, making a storyboard to order the steps to make the object and a review of the object once it is complete.

PE:

Swimming – at Port Regis School for 5 weeks until half term each Thursday
Cricket – with expert teaching from Mr N Chambers each Friday
Athletics – to begin after half-term.
 Please ensure that for each of our PE activities that your children have the correct clothes and equipment.

Other main curriculum areas are listed below:

Geography will focus on mapping our local area, reviewing continents, oceans and countries and towards the end of this term look at how physical features of an area influence the way people live.

History – our main focus will be Stone Age and Bronze Age life and where these age periods exist in the context of our history timeline. Using artefacts to give clues as to how people lived long ago will be another important strand of our learning. Our trip to New Barn will include many activities based on the Stone Age within a real life context.

ICT – a focus on using the internet for research and increasing speed for general keyboard use and typing.

Music – we will look at basic notation and use percussion instruments to compose a cave dwelling composition – linked to Stig of the Dump.

French – we will build on our current knowledge of greetings, numbers, colours and the ability of following simple commands. The topics of weather and clothes will be added to a bank of vocabulary.

Art – We will begin with a DT focus and then begin to work with charcoal and the use of natural colour. After half term we will fit in another famous artist focussing on a particular style of painting.

How you can help your child:**Homework**

As in previous terms homework will be given out every **Monday** and collected in every **Friday**. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings using their spelling menu that is stuck in their homework book so that they can use the most effective method for them to learn how to spell some tricky words. in this way at home. The same approach for learning their times tables is also recommended. You can also work on times tables in a practical way and for a real purpose eg. doubling the ingredients in a recipe, measuring the amount of tape needed, calculating how many packets of a product are needed etc.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read **every day**. I am looking forward to some of the children receiving their Gold Award shortly which is very exciting. Please do help your child achieve their awards by signing their reading records after they have read with you.

Your support with your child's learning at home does have a real impact and I really appreciate the effort that this takes with everything else that is going on during a busy term.

PE kit

This term children need their PE kit in school on:

- **Thursday and Friday** for PE lessons.
- Any day that your child has a sports club.

Don't forget, if your child has pierced ears, please ensure that their earrings are removed or taped on these days.

As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
 I am so looking forward to a great term of learning and fun!
 Mrs Yarwood