St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Half-termly Curriculum Newsletter



Term: Autumn 2

Class: Drogo and Powderham

Class Target	This half term, we will focus on keeping our hands in our laps when the teacher is talking, listening to each other, and demonstrating effective listening skills. Such as; looking at the speaker when they are talking.
Parent Partnership	Use the information shared to support your child's reading journey. Share a story every day. Watch the speed sound videos and fred talk videos from the speed sound booklet.
Reading for Pleasure	This half term we will be reading; Giraffe's can't dance and Only one you. We will continue to visit the school library with the children regularly through the term.
Phonics	This half term the children will be grouped according to their recent assessments. The main focus for this half term is for children to be able to orally blend and spedily recognize all previous sounds taught.
Writing	Our focus text will be Somebody Just Like You by Helen Doherty. In the children's literacy sessions they will be; Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page, write 'm' for mummy
	Write some or all of their name •
	Write some letters accurately • Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s • Form lower-case letters correctly • Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense-
Maths	PowerMaths sessions This unit focuses on exploring 3D and 2D shapes. Children will discover the characteristics and attributes of shapes through play. When discovering common properties, shapes can then be sorted in ways to make connections (for example. number of sides, shapes that stack, shapes that roll). Children will also begin to recognise shapes in the real world. This unit focuses on finding one more and one less than a number within 5. It lays the foundation for addition and subtraction although, at this stage, children should not be expected to use the addition or subtraction signs. It is important to introduce this concept in a real life context and allow children to practise through play.
	Parent Partnership Reading for Pleasure Phonics Writing

	RE	This half term our RE unit is called Prophecy and Promise and this unit will focus on preparing for Christmas and the story of The Nativity. On Wednesday 10th December the children will retell the story of The Nativity to their families.
	Science	Our focus is seasonal changes and the weather. The children will be visiting the forest on a Tuesday afternoon each week. Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a waterproof coat and shoes in a bag they don't mind getting wet and muddy.
	Geography	Our unit will be exploring maps. The key skills we will be learning are: -Draw information from a simple map -Explore the natural world around them -Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside -Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live -Understand that some places are special to members of their community
	Art	Our focus this half term will be drawing skills, 'Marvellous Marks'. The children will begin to draw from observation using faces and self-portraits as a stimulus. Furthermore, the children will be exploring mark making through different drawing materials.
	PSHE	Our focus this term is healthy living. We will be exploring the importance of sleep, being active, eating well and minimal screen time.
	PE	Our focus this half term is moving our bodies in different ways under, over, through, jump and hop. We will also be developing our pencil skills and taking part in different writing opportunities in the provision.
@	Teacher contact:	You can contact your child's class teacher via email or Tapestry or ask to speak with them at the end of the school day. Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30 am - 3.15 pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office admin@stncs.uk during the school day.

	There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to emails or messages received after 6 pm or at the weekend.
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