



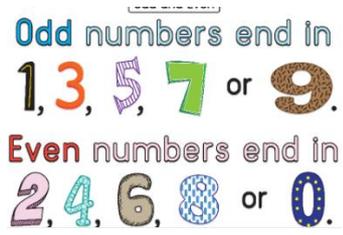
Curriculum Newsletter for St Francis Class – Reception Children
Half Term 6 2020-2021

We are all excited to start our last half term together in class. The children have made a fantastic start to their life at Sacred Heart. We have been so proud of them in their Reception year and it has been a delight to be a part of their first year in school. They have amazed us with their learning, their attitude and how enthusiastic they all are. We have a busy half term planned with lots going on!

Maths –

Numerical patterns –

We will be introducing the mathematical patterns of doubling, halving and odd and even numbers. At this stage, children will explore the patterns and practise using the new vocabulary.



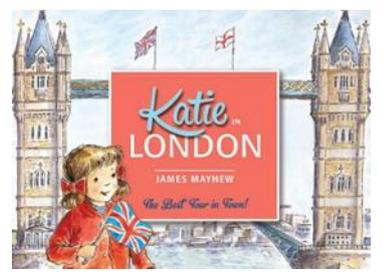
Weight -We will begin to compare two items and learn how balance scales show which item is lighter or heavier.



Counting in 2's,5's,10's – We will be learning to count in these steps and working on combining groups of 2,5 and 10.

English- This half term we will be looking at two story books

We will start off the half term looking at 'Katie in London' and then move on to 'The Queen's Hat'. When looking at both of these books we will be using our knowledge of stories to make predictions and talk about what we enjoy/remember from the stories. We will be writing postcards, letters and having a go at our own version of 'The Queen's Hat' but instead of it being lost in London it will be lost in Ilkley!



Phonics

We will begin 'Phase 4' of 'Letters and Sounds'. In this phase we will focus on reading and spelling our 'Tricky Words' and reading and writing longer words in sentences.

RE - Our topic for this term is: The Church

We will be talking about how we all belong to a family and looking at who is in our own family. We will then look at how we call the Church the family of God and that we can all belong to this family. We will develop our understanding of the church building, how it is a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome



PE – In PE this term we will be learning about:

Invasion Games – this will be an introduction to the skills required to play football, basketball and dodge ball.

The children thoroughly enjoy their PE lesson with Mr Gibson and are actively engaged and involved each week, developing their personal skills in confidence, listening and also physical ability.

The children will be taught in a creative way through **themes and topics**, through a given theme we then cover key skills from all aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Through the activities we plan we aim that the children are engaged in their learning through play through exploration and investigation.

Curriculum- This half term our topic is 'Bright Lights, Big City!'

Communication and Language- We will listen and share fiction and non-fiction books about London. We will be anticipating key events with relevant questions and comments in whole class discussions and small group interactions. We will be using key vocabulary focused on the London landmarks and geographical language to demonstrate our knowledge and understanding of London.



Health and Self Care

We will continue to spend time talking to the children about the importance of hand hygiene.

The World– We will be using world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries. We will also name and identifying characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas. We will be identifying the characteristics of a settlement and look closely at London to describe the purpose of human features and landmarks. We will be finding out and identifying landmarks on aerial photographs, using directional and positional language to give directions. We will also be looking at animals and their offspring, including humans. We will be sorting and classifying different animals and learning that animals have offspring which grow into adults. We will be discussing and finding out if all animals look like their parents when they are born and sorting animals into ‘egg-born animals’ and ‘animals born alive’.

Technology- We will be using technology purposefully to research London and its landmarks. We will be encouraged to use technology independently for particular purposes such as taking a photo or video of our work or ideas.

People and Communities – We will talk about past and present events in our own lives and begin to learn about Queen Elizabeth II. We will be learning about the role of the Queen and talking about similarities and differences among families, communities and traditions.

Expressive Arts and Design- We will be continuing to look at the art of L.S. Lowry. We will also be looking at the work of the British artist, Stephen Wiltshire, who had a special talent for drawing places from memory. We will look at his London art work and the way he uses pencils marks to record detail and build shapes in his drawings. We will then look at London landmarks and have a go at drawing them from memory. We will be making our own maps of London. We will continue to enjoy using our ‘Craft Area’ to create our own landmarks of London.

To help your child at home you could -

Reading

Where possible we would recommend you hear your child read daily. 5-10 minutes every day really helps the children to consolidate their decoding and word reading as well as encouraging a love of reading.



General information

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on Tuesdays. Every other day the children need to be in their school uniform.

We kindly ask that the children have a water bottle in school daily.

We are hoping the weather continues to improve, can we please ask children come with a sun hat and sun cream applied in the morning before school.

Many thanks for your continued support. In a very strange year we have loved working with your family and your child. If you have any questions concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office

Best Wishes

Mrs C Gilhooly and Mrs S Fisher