



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. I 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 me with their learning, their attitude and how enthusiastic they all are. We have a busy last 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

Odd numbers end in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9.

Even numbers end in 2, 4, 6, 8 or 0.

will explore the patterns and practise using the new vocabulary.

Volume and Capacity -

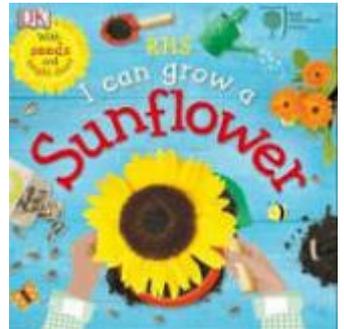
We will be measuring and comparing the volume and capacity of different containers. This is a very ‘hands on’ unit and we will be doing lots of this work in our sand and water trays.

Time -

We will be looking at the sequence of events in a day and using the language of time.

English- This half term we will be looking at the difference

between fiction and non-fiction books. We will be reading books about gardening and growing looking at story books with these themes and finding out facts from information books. We will be having a go at using our sounds to write labels and captions in our own fact files about sunflowers. We will then use our senses to think about what we can see, taste, hear, smell and feel in the summer time in a garden.



Phonics

We will continue to work through ‘Phase 4’ of our Bug Club Phonics. In this phase we focus on reading and spelling our ‘Tricky Words’ and reading and writing longer words in sentences. We will be working on the children hearing all the sounds in words such as ‘crust’ or ‘frost’ when having a go at writing.

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:

Athletics, we will be using what we have learnt in our PE lessons this year to work on our throwing, jumping, running and catching skills.

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 'Sunshine and Sunflowers'

Communication and Language- We will listen and share fiction and non-fiction books about gardens, growing, caterpillars and sunflowers. 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 concept of growing and life cycles.

The Natural World- We will be using non-fiction books and video clips to learn about how to plant a seed and encourage it to grow. We will be watching our own caterpillars grow and learning about this process of change and the life cycle of a butterfly. We will be learning about our local natural world and observing plants and insects found in our school grounds. We will be learning about the honeybee and thinking about why bees are so important for us all. We will be talking about the different seasons and thinking particularly about what happens in summer and thinking of ways to keep cool during hot days.

Expressive Arts and Design- We will be looking at making shades of colours and using a range of mediums to mix our own shades. We will be creating some of our own 'pebble art' to be placed in our own raised flower beds.



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 to come with a sun hat and sun cream applied in the morning before school.

Many thanks for your continued support. It has been a delight to teach your children this year and work with you as families. If you have any questions concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office

Best Wishes

Mrs C Gilhooly