



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

7th May 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Please enjoy reading this curriculum newsletter. This newsletter was initially created during lockdown in order to provide information about our curriculum. Now that the children are all back together in school, we will be issuing this curriculum newsletter every three weeks. Due to having an established Facebook page and Twitter, you will already be able to access daily and weekly updates relating to what is happening in the classroom in terms of learning. Scheduling the newsletter every three weeks will give you a more comprehensive review of the curriculum rather than reporting weekly. The new format will be more like the original monthly newsletters where news and updates of school life in general will be provided such as pupil achievements, dates for diaries and upcoming events.

Please be aware that the curial office have been in touch with school to inform us of parents parking in the car park. This is another reminder that this car park is private for use only by staff at the curial office. This is a health and safety matter and the curial office are now observing who is parking in the car park and will inform school.

We are now half way through summer term one and we want to reiterate the messages within this newsletter. We are immensely proud of all of the children. Their resilience, sense of fun and commitment to learning is as always, a joy to witness.

Best wishes,
Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox



Faith Space

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus say in the Gospel, "I am the vine and my Father is the vinedresser." We know that we were created by God to live in communion with Him and our neighbours. The plans He has for us are great and we do not even need to plan for them: we simply need to remain with Him and these wonderful gifts will be given to us. Let us bear with Him and bear much fruit.

On 1st May, it was the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph showed us that all work, no matter how seemingly small or insignificant, has dignity and is important in the eyes of God. Throughout May, during the Year of St. Joseph, we are focusing on this devotion to Joseph in our prayers and worship - and offer all of our work up to God. We also pray for all workers: that they may find dignity and safety in their work.

May is also the month of Our Lady. As the first disciple of Jesus, Mary is our perfect role model and example. We will be asking her to pray with us and for us in a special way throughout this month. We will also be celebrating with a Marian Procession and Coronation at the end of this month; pictures from this will be found on our Facebook page!

Upcoming feasts: The Ascension of the Lord - 13th May; Pentecost - 23rd

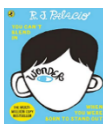
Year 6

Another exciting week of learning has passed us by in Year 6 - everyone arrived in school ready to learn after the long weekend break.

In English, we are still enjoying reading our thought-provoking novel, "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. This week, we have explored the characters' emotions, participated in class discussions and analysed how mood and atmosphere has been created by the author.

The children have also continued the British Science Week celebrations, researching the key things designers think about when creating new products - including reducing, reusing, recycling and sustainability - all in preparation for our next DT project. Watch this space!

Once again, the children have shown their fantastic, hard-working attitudes across all of their work. We are very proud of you all!



Year 5

This week in Year 5, our children have produced some fabulous work, especially in English, where we have been identifying and annotating sentences in the perfect present tense whilst continuing with our class novel, "The Explorer." In maths, we have come to the end of our geometry unit, working hard to measure and draw accurately with a protractor and apply this knowledge to problem solving and reasoning. We have moved on to fractions, decimals and percentages, revising and building on previous knowledge. During Geography, we have been learning about the different layers within a tropical rainforest, understanding and comparing the different animals and plant species that live within each layer. In PE, we have finalised our dance routine, linking together all of the elements into a brilliant final sequence. We worked with our partner to evaluate and assess our final performance. Well done year 5. Another fantastic week.



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Year 3 / 4

This week, Year 3/4 have continued to read, "Tom's Midnight Garden." We discussed Tom's thoughts and emotions as he discovered the secret garden. In Maths, we started our new topic of time. The children revisited telling the time in 15-minute intervals before moving on to reading the time in 5-minute intervals. We also played a variety of games in class to enhance the children's understanding of time. During R.E, we discussed Jesus' ascension into heaven. In Geography, the children have learnt how the population of London has changed over time and thought about many reasons as to why this may be. In Science, we have been learning about rocks in particular the differences between man-made and natural rocks. Finally, the children have learnt how to read, write and say the names of zoo animals in French.

We have had another lovely week together.



Year 2

Year 2 have had another hard-working week in school. Within English, the children completed brilliant book reviews of "The Finger Eater" as well as a fact file focusing on the author - Dick King Smith. Within Maths, we have continued with our "Measures" topic. The children have enjoyed a range of practical activities including using tape measures to measure their heights, scales to weigh different items as well as measuring amounts of water using standard and non-standard units of measure. The children thoroughly enjoyed these activities showing great enthusiasm! Within R.E. the children were able to retell the story in their own words of what happened at the time that Jesus rose from the dead, from the perspective of the women at the tomb. We also began our "Life to the Full" topic which the children fully embraced and enjoyed thinking about how God created us all individually. Year 2 have worked so hard this week - well done and keep up the good work!



Year 1

Our Year 1 children have been learning about Grace Darling and her heroic efforts through their English and history work. They have been looking at images from the past and answering questions about who she was and what she might be famous for. We watched a short video clip and used this to find out interesting facts to help the children write a fact file about her life. In maths, the children have been exploring multiples of 2, 5 and 10 using number tracks, number lines and 100 squares. We have been practising counting forwards and backwards from different starting points and are beginning to make links to multiplication. This week, we launched our "Life to the Full" curriculum. The children have really enjoyed taking part in the collective worship each morning to begin the first unit of work. We listened to the gospel story about Jesus welcoming the children and used role play to act out what happened and help us to understand how the children felt when they were told they could not go to Jesus. The children participated in their final basketball session with James from Teesside Lions this week and have really benefitted from the transferable skills he has taught them.



EYFS – Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have been looking at how to improve their sentences. We talked about different verbs that we could use to describe what our 'Silly Sea Creatures' from last week could do. We also discussed different adjectives that we could use to describe them. Outside, we have enjoyed moving like sea animals using different verbs, for example shuffling like a crab, jumping like dolphins and even wobbling like jellyfish. We have had lots of fun!



"Arrrr me hearties!" This week at pirate-school we have been exploring different joining methods to make paper-plate pirate boats, complete with port-holes and Jolly-Rogers! We have heard the good news of Pentecost and enjoyed using red, orange and yellow tissue paper as well as ribbon to create wind catchers in order to see the effect of the wind.

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