

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for our fun packed term! Here is a little preview of what your child will be studying this term. Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Hughes

St John Bosco Feast Day	31st January
Consultation Evening	14th February
Half term	18th-22nd Feb
INSET Day	15th Feb
Break up for Easter	12th April 2:10pm

Weekly Routines

Please enable your child to bring in their reading book every day and put it on their folder in the classroom. If it has been signed by a parent it will be changed for a new book.

The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school. A good way to help at home is to listen to your child read every night, for at least 10 minutes.

Reading diaries need to be signed and commented on by an adult in order for books to be changed.

Literacy

Writing: We are continuing to develop our writing using all four word classes. (noun, adjective, verb and adverb)

We are also focusing on extending our sentences using conjunctions. (and, but, because, when)

It is really important for children to continue to develop their joined handwriting. Please practise this at home.

Spellings: Children are only tested on ten of the thirty, please practise the more tricky ones every day looking at the specific letter patterns.

Reading: It is vital that your child reads a little every day focusing on fluency, accuracy and expression. This will help develop their vocabulary and in turn their writing.

Maths:

We are continuing to focus on our 2, 5 and 10 Times Tables. Please try to encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars. There are related division questions on here to help improve understanding, speed and accuracy.

In maths lessons we are looking at length and then following this; mass, temperature, picture graphs, money and word problems.

We will continue to have weekly Numeracy homework set on Marvellous Me. Your child can complete it and return it to school by the following Friday. If your child is not completing their homework a message will be sent home to inform you of this.

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10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

PE Dates

Indoor PE will be on a **MONDAY** and outdoor games on a **FRIDAY**.

Children will need to wear trainers for games as we will be outside. They can also wear a track-suit if they would like to in the cold weather.





Science

Our topic this term is **Scientists and Inventors and Animals and their needs**. We will learn about famous scientists and inventors and their contributions to the world. We will be learning about the life cycle of animals and observing them both in the classroom and via web cams..



During this topic children will be expected to work scientifically by asking simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways, perform simple tests and gather and record data.

RE



During RE this term the children will be learning about Jesus' as a teacher and healer, forgiveness as well as Lent and Easter. Children will learn that Jesus taught people about God and how they should live through stories called parables and that Jesus performed miracles that healed people as well as know and explain some parables.

ART

Mother Nature designer: In this topic we will be using natural materials to create a variety of different media including pictures and sculptures. We will be learning about Andy Goldsworthy.



http://www.morning-earth.org/ARTISTNATURALISTS/AN_Goldsworthy.html

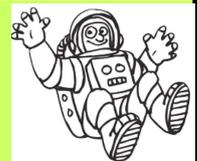
DT

This term we will be investigating, designing and creating a sensational salad. We will be learning about peeling, zesting, cutting safely and applying these skills when preparing healthy dishes. Children will learn key information about healthy eating and where their food comes from. They will gain some practical ideas about ingredients that can be combined to make interesting and healthy salads.

Before we begin the topic we will give you a list of ingredients to provide for your child and dates they will need them. Thank you for your continued support in providing opportunities for the children within school.

History

This term we will be learning about explorers **Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong**. The children will learn about Columbus's voyages and what he brought back to Europe, find out who Neil Armstrong is and why he is remembered today and comparing both explorers. By the end of the topic the children will be expected to recall facts about each explorer and where they explored.



http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/christopher_columbus/
http://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/neil_armstrong.php

Geography

This term we will be linking our Geography topic to History by learning about famous landmarks in America By the end of the topic the children will be expected to use world maps and globes to begin to locate some continents and countries and describe similarities and differences between England and America.



Computing

This term we will be learning about programming a roamer to move. By the end of the topic the children will be expected to learn left, right, forward and backwards to be able to direct the roamer in the direction needed.

