ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Leo Lionni Class (Year 2) Mrs Stuchfield, Mrs Koro & Mrs Griffin

Autumn I Term 2023 Newsletter

Tuesday 5th September 2023 – 20th October 2023

Welcome to Leo Lionni Class






Leo Lionni was an Italian-American writer and illustrator of children's books. Born in the Netherlands, he moved to Italy and lived there before moving to the United States in 1939, where he worked as an art director for several advertising agencies, and then for Fortune magazine.



Be positive like a giraffe.

St. Mary's core theme for this half term is "Positivity," and our aim is to encourage a positive approach towards all we do at the start of this new academic year.

maths

Can you order these numbers smallest to biggest?

Number - number and place value

Geometry – properties of shapes

Number – number and place value

English

Can you describe a character?

Story as a familiar setting:

During this unit we will look at the book, "The pirate next door'

Traditional tales with a twist:

During this unit we will look at the wolfs side of the little pig's story, we will use role play and describe the character and how they are similar and different.

Non chronological report:

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During this unit we will listen to the story of 'Hodgeheg' and write a report about hedgehogs.

Religious Education: Chosen people.

Why has God chosen you?

Think of ways we can thank God by helping others.
Think about how Abraham trusted God to guide him.
Think about how God looked after him.
Think how important it is for us to trust in God.

British Values:

How can we help?

Rights and Responsibility

-Who is responsible?

Rule of Law

-Understanding rules and why they are important.

-Following rules

Democracy

-Electing prefects

Computing

How can you stay safe online?

Online Safety

Presenting Ideas

Art/DT

How many different marks can you make?

mark making-Telling a story

Music

Can you copy the beat?

Legends and Myths

Science

What do animals need to survive?

Animals survival: Encouraging explanations and drawing conclusions

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Geography

How many continents can you name?

Continents & Africa

P.E

How far away can you catch a ball?

Bouncing and catching

PSHE

How can we help?

Group and class rules; why they are important; respecting own and others' rights and need; privacy; looking after the environment.

Our enrichment opportunities include:

- **Creepy Crawly Roadshow - 15th September**
- **Bird Man Visit - 25th September**
- **Children Of The World Disco – 19th October**
- **SCARF visit - 12th & 13th October**
- **Black History Month-9th October**
- **Meet the teacher meeting- 26th September 3.30-4pm**

- **PE- Lionni Class mixed y2/3 Thursday and Friday afternoons**

- **Hughes Class mixed y1/2 Monday and Friday afternoons**

If your child has their ears pierced and if it is possible, please remove the studs on the days stated or the child must be capable of removing their earrings themselves. If your child is unable to do PE, a written note should be handed in to the office and this shouldn't go on longer than two weeks. P.E is a vital part of the curriculum and it is important your child is prepared for their lessons with accurate P.E kits in school.

Class mass: To be confirmed.

Homework: MyMaths and TT rockstars homework will be set every week online, if this is unavailable at home your child is welcome to complete in school. Weekly spellings will be sent home on Friday as we will continue our spelling tests on a Friday. Home readers will be sent home daily; please can you listen to your child read at least three times per week and write in the book with which page they are on so we know when to change their books. This only needs to be a few pages per night.

Collins eBooks

Throughout lock down the use of eBooks was very popular with our children. We have now purchased and implemented eBooks into our school reading scheme to help encourage our children to read regularly and enjoy the wide range of books available online to them. An eBook (**short for electronic book**) is a book publication made available in digital form, consisting of text, images, or both, readable on the flat-panel display of computers or other electronic devices.

We will trail the new online Collins reading eBooks which will run alongside our home reading books for children in KS2 as some in KS1. Your class teacher will provide you with login details alongside a parent guide and allocate the correct level books for your child. Class teachers will be able to monitor usage and direct children to materials of interest.

If you have any questions we can discuss them during our meet the teacher meeting.

Collins eBooks will be set as an additional reading resource.

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Class Dojo is continuing this academic year as part of classroom practice and communication with parents. Each parent has been given their own login, which can be accessed online or through an app on smart phones and tablets. This service also has a free messaging service if you need to send a message to myself with any questions or concerns. Passwords have already been sent out but if you are still not signed up to Dojo and would like another password please don't hesitate to contact us.

Reminders

In order for your child's progress to continue please may we ask you to support us by:

- Ensuring your child is prepared for the school day, by being punctual with homework completed.
- Ensuring you sign your child's reading book so it can be changed when required so Dojo rewards can be issued.
- Encouraging and supporting your child when learning their weekly spellings and times tables. These will still be tested every Friday.
- Supporting your child with their MyMaths and TT rockstars homework – this will be set most weeks where it links to the topic we are studying. If you have an issues with your log in details please send me a Dojo message.
- It would be greatly appreciated if positive behaviour could be reinforced at home to help support us in school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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