

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Ipswich

`Living and Learning through Faith`



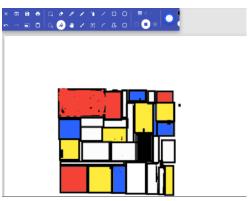
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Year 1



In RE we have enjoyed learning about the Creation story; how God created the world in 7 days. We have learned how to better look after God's world. We have learned the Our Father and Hail Mary prayer and can say these off-by-heart and using Makaton sign language. We are currently learning about the Nativity story and how important this, and other Bible stories, are at showing us how much God loves us!

In Computing we enjoyed learning about how to make artwork using a computer. We tried to make our own versions of Mondian's compositions using a digital tool. We are becoming more confident with using a digital device, especially with typing and using a trackpad.











In DT we have enjoyed researching, designing, making (and tasting!) a fruit kebab. We tasted a variety of different fruits, from apples to limes (sour!). We decided on the fruits we'd like to use and then had a go at making them. We prepared and chopped our own fruit independently and enjoyed tasting our creations.

We have completed the Phase 5 sounds in Phonics and will be revisiting these in the Spring term, to further boost children's confidence in recognising and blending these sounds.

In Maths we have studied Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Shape. We can count up to 20 and recall number bonds to 20, too. We can identify 2-D and 3-D shapes and can describe some of their properties.

In English we have written setting descriptions and retold stories. We have learned to use adjectives to describe our nouns. We have enjoyed reading many of our core texts, like Peter Rabbit, The Storm Whale and Where The Wild Things Are.

In Art we have enjoyed honing our drawing skills, learning techniques like stippling, cross-hatching and hatching. We have looked at different examples of still life drawings and made our own in class.

In PSHE we have been hearing the story of how Jesus called the children to come to him. We have learned that Jesus always makes time for us and thought about how it feels to feel left out. We have also learned about elements of online safety, such as when it is important to ask for someone's permission.

In Science we have been learning about the seasons and the different weather that is associated with them. We have learned about the parts of plants and trees and can tell the difference between an evergreen tree and a deciduous tree. We are currently learning about the different types of animals: mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish.

It has been a great first term of Year 1! I am very proud of the children for their terrific learning behaviours.