

LEARNING AT ST. CATHERINE'S IN KS1 AND KS2: AUTUMN TERM 2021



St. Catherine's
RC Primary School



Dear parents and carers,

We have had a brilliant term of learning in St. Catherine's and we'd like to share this with you.

Usually, we love to invite parents and carers into school to see all of the exciting things we've been learning about, however, the continuation of Covid-19 has made this much trickier than in the past. We thought we'd put a newsletter together to share some of our learning with you over the past term so that you can see some of the great things we've been up to!

We can't wait to hopefully be able to invite you into our brilliant school soon so you can see all of our wonderful learning in person as well.

We hope you enjoy seeing what we've been up to!



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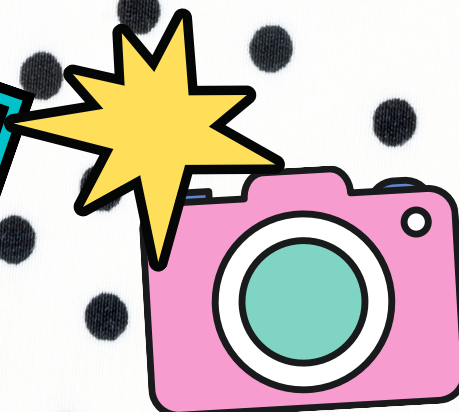
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LEARNING IN KS1 AND KS2

We've achieved SO much in school this term!

- We've settled into our new classes, got to know our new teachers and we've made new friends too.
- We continued with our Bounce well-being sessions at the beginning of this term to help us to understand and express our feelings through music, drama and dance.
- We led weekly virtual Rosary sessions in KS1 and KS2 to pray to Mary throughout the month of October
- We've been playing on our new playground equipment which we absolutely love!
- We've continued to learn all about our brain and mental health through our My Happy Mind programme.
- We've been able to have weekly worships again in our phase groups which has been a great chance to celebrate each others' achievements and learn more about the Sunday Gospel each week.
- Although we love being back in school, it's been great to get out of school to go on some brilliant school trips and sports events!
- Best of all, it's just great to be back in school with our friends and all of our brilliant school staff.



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YEAR 1

Autumn Term

This term, we have been learning...

This term, children in Year 1 have been learning a range of different topics such as:

Maths: we have been focusing on addition and subtraction within 20.

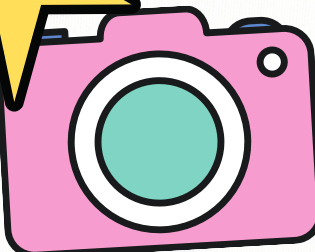
Phonics: we have begun learning about alternative spellings for different sounds such as /oa/, /ai/, /ie/, /igh/

Science: we have been learning all about seasonal changes.

English: we have been using 'and' to join words together, including adjectives in sentences and continuing to perfect using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces to create clear sentences.

Topic: we have been looking at toys through the years and focusing on the similarities and difference.

The children have made a fantastic start in Year 1 and we look forward to what next term brings!



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What we love about school...

"I love the school dinners."

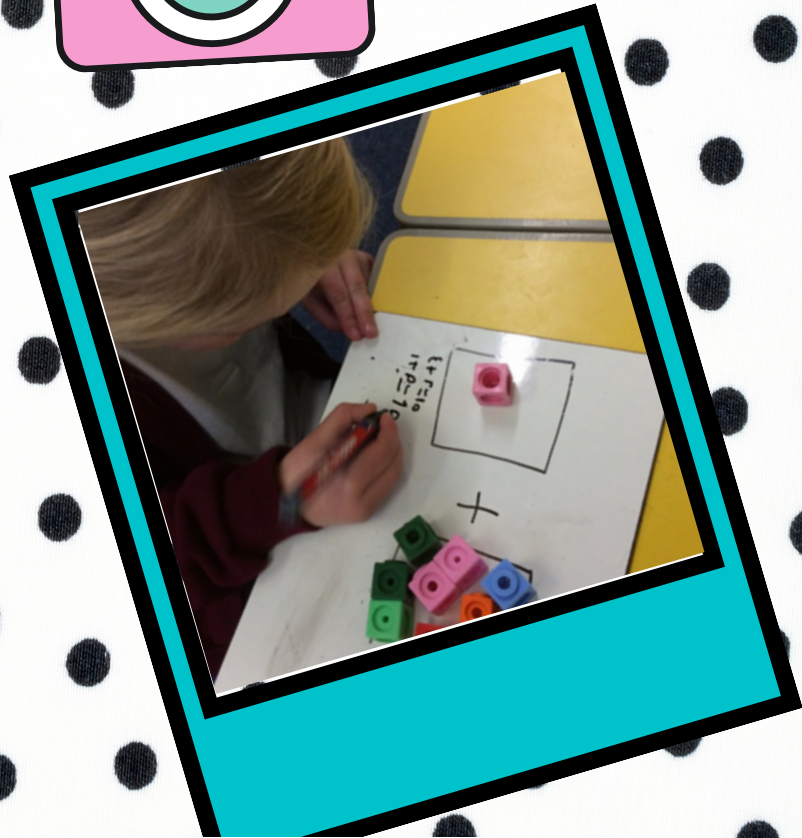
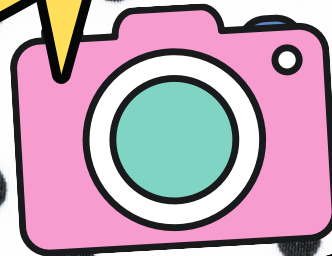
"I love to play outside."

"I love school because I like learning."

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I love maths because I like numbers."

"I love playing in the playground."



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YEAR 2

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This term, we have been learning...

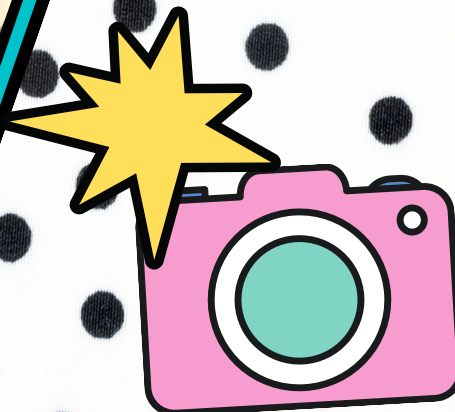
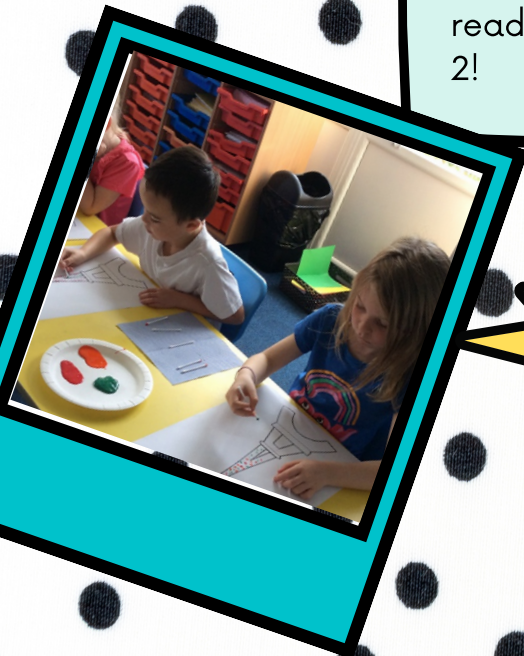
·In topic, we have been learning all about Florence Nightingale and how 'The lady with the lamp' helped to shape the face of nursing.

·In Science, we have been learning all about materials and their properties. We created our very own owls using a variety of materials and we had a hoot of a time!

In Art, we have studied the works of L.S. Lowry. We created our own match stick figures to help us recreate one of his famous painting- 'going to work'.

In Maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction using the partitioning, number line and column method. Through true perseverance, we have learnt lots of strategies to ensure we are mathmagicians.

In English, we have been learning all about owls to write our own owl fact file. We used the internet to research lots of information to help us create our final piece of writing. Should you fancy reading the BEST owl fact files in Didsbury, head on down to Year 2!



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What we love about school...

"I love English. Every time we do English, it's something new and that's interesting for me because I want to learn something new every day."

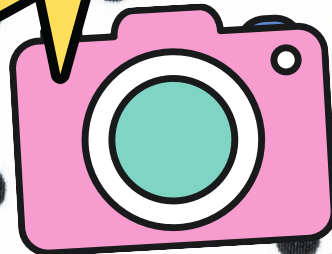
"I love when do music because it inspires me to learn how to play an instrument."

"Every day when I go to school, my friends are really kind."

"I love playing football with my friends and I love that my teachers take care of me."

"I love that everyone is friendly in our school and there is lots of different activities to do."

"I love English because it's fun and we get to read really interesting books."



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YEAR 3

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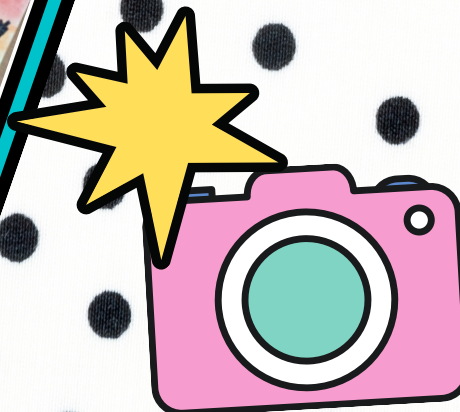
We've had a visiting Geologist who was able to share her knowledge and expertise about the properties of different rocks and minerals and the children loved seeing geological samples at first hand.

We have been studying the Ancient Egyptians, finding out facts and information about Pyramids and Mummification.

In English, we have covered four class texts, which has enabled the children to explore various fiction and non-fiction titles. In our written work we have covered the skill of writing recounts, letters, diary entries, lists of instructions and fantasy stories.

Our Religious study this term has mainly focused on understanding the promises made at Baptism.

We love our learning in Year 3 and can't wait for next term!



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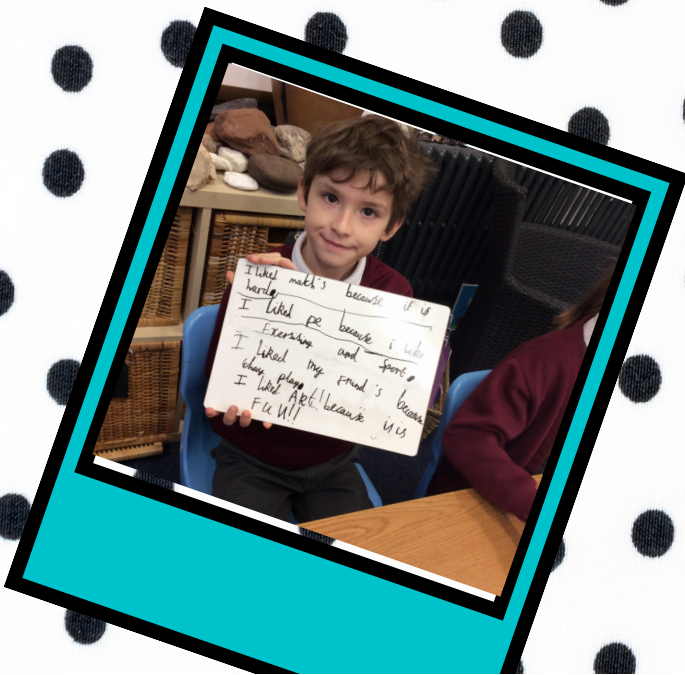
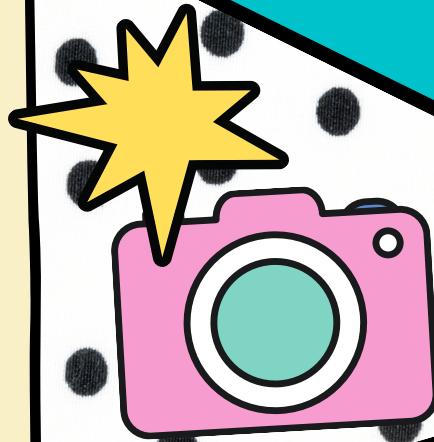
What we love about school...

"I love Maths because I love doing column addition!"

"I've learned how to exchange and I'm really good at it!"

"I love everything about Year 3 because I love to be clever."

"What I love about Year 3 is Art!"



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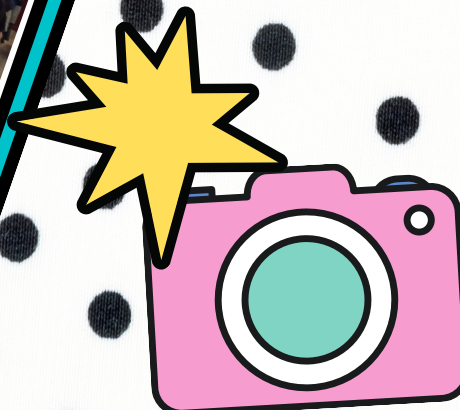
In DT, we have been learning about how to design and make our own pizzas. We included some yummy toppings too!

In PSHE, we have been discussing mental health and how to support one another in dealing with 'big' emotions. This involved role play and practising how to start a difficult conversation with a friend.

On European Day of Languages, children loved learning about Denmark, especially when they got to try some Danish pastries!

Our Roman trip to Chester was brilliant! We learned all about the Roman Army formations and even got to have a real life battle with the teachers!

We've settled into our new classes really well and we can't wait for more fun learning next term too.



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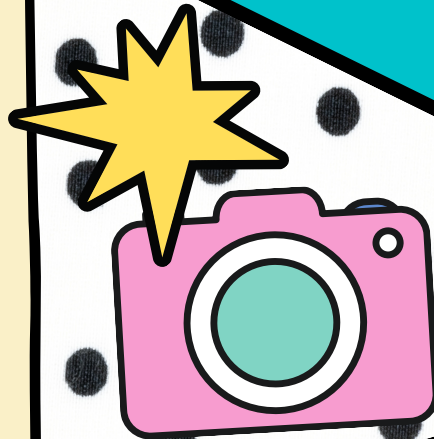
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What we love about school...

"I have loved learning about the Romans because I like learning new things!"

"I love the drawing and sketching that we've done it Art!"

"I have loved all the DT we have done!"



YEAR 5

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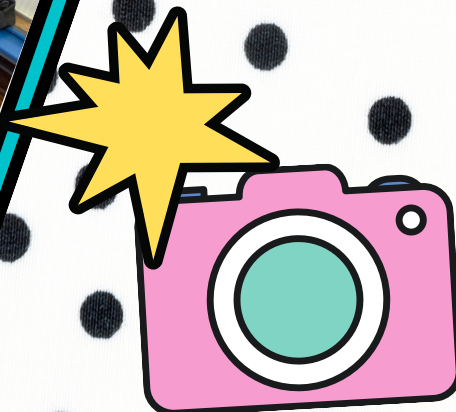
In Year 5, we have been studying North America and the impact of climate change, whilst referring to current events, such as Cop26.

In English, we have been studying the Queen of the Falls and Annie on her quest to go over the Niagara Falls in a barrel.

In November, Year 5 and 6 children had a brilliant author talk from Sally Penni, all about her book, 'Where are you from?'. She told us all about how the penalties at the Euro 2020 final and the racism that came from it inspired her to write her book and she told us all about life as a lawyer.

Year 5 are currently learning the guitar in Music and have learnt songs by Oasis and are now learning Jingle Bells.

There have been many other exciting things going on too including choir concerts, Spanish Google Meets, sporting events and more!



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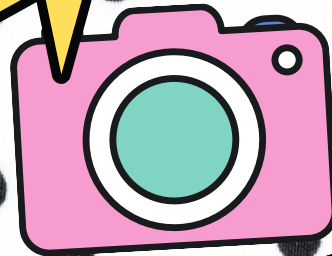
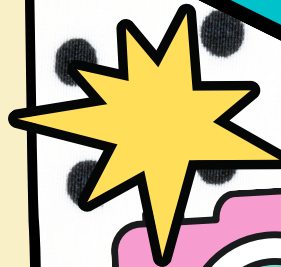
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What we love about school...

"I love Dodgeball because you need teamwork, just like you need in class."

"I love the books we use in English, especially the Lost Happy Endings. It is spooky and it leaves me wondering."

I love getting to do more writing in Year 5 - I really enjoy it."



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YEAR 6

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This term, we have been learning...

It's been an exciting first term in Year 6!

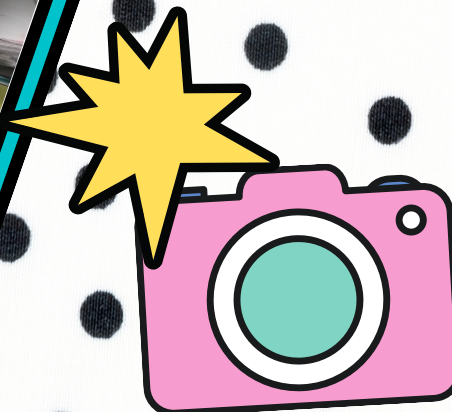
Our children and staff ventured to Robinwood for a three day residential experience which was great fun! They have developed their resilience, confidence and problem-solving skills, all whilst having lots of fun and great food at the same time.

In Science, children have learnt all about the human eye and how it works.

In Topic, we have been focusing on World War One and the importance of Remembrance. We have learnt lots about how the world wars have impacted our society today and what we can learn from them.

In Spanish, we have loved having Google Meets with our Spanish pen pals and practising our Spanish speaking skills.

We have also taken part in lots of events such as choir performances, football matches, cross country and more!



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What we love about school...

"I love learning new methods, especially in maths."

"I really like long division and learning with songs is fun."

"Topic is my favourite because learning about the war is really interesting."

