



St Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Summer Term 2017

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 3. I hope you have all had a refreshing Easter break and are feeling ready for an exciting term ahead. It is hard to believe that we are now in the final term for this academic year already! Year 3 will be covering the following areas:

Religious Education

Our studies will continue to reflect the special seasons, the important feasts and the devotions by month of the Church Year. The children will study and pray the prayers from the Catholic tradition, growing in the knowledge and love of God and the Catholic Church. We will continue to follow the 'Come and See' scheme, covering Pentecost (exploring the Energy and power of the Holy Spirit); Reconciliation (recognising our conscience and understanding that every choice has a consequence); the Universal Church (Special Places) and another Faith (Islam – the children will be studying various aspects of the Islam Faith, and drawing comparisons with their own faith).

English

This term the children will continue to increase the range of styles that they can write in by using the features they have seen in their own writing. This term we will be looking at stories with historical setting, as the children delve into different styles of story-writing. During the second half of this term, Year 3 will be writing newspaper reports and stories with a familiar setting which coincides with their Egyptians topic in humanities. Reading comprehension and Grammar will continue during English lessons; where children will also learn different spellings patterns, vary their use of punctuation and practise using the correct grammar in both written and spoken activities. Children must take pride in the quality of their work at all times, and are expected to transfer handwriting skills across all subjects. This term there will be a focus upon the quality of handwriting across all subjects. Children will continue to bring their reading books home (which must be brought into school each day), and a weekly spelling list to learn for Friday's spelling test. Please ensure your child practises their spellings. Homework will continue to be set on a Monday and is due to be completed and handed in by Wednesday.

Mathematics

We are continuing to use Abacus Active Learn to support the teaching of mathematics. Active Learn helps children make sense of and practice their maths through a combination of activities, maths games, interactive tasks and pupil videos. Remember that Abacus can be used to support learning at home. Remember that your child has been provided with a username and password to allow them to practise their maths skills using Abacus at home. This term we will be covering mental addition and subtraction, fractions, ratio and proportion, division and multiplication. Homework for maths will be set on a Wednesday as normal, and is due to be completed and handed in by the Friday.

Science

This term, the children will be learning about the world of plants. Children will continue to carry out investigations and experiments to help develop their scientific skills, through exploring and asking questions about what they observe; for example, changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, and carrying out simple comparative tests. The children will also be introduced to light which will focus on the relationship between light, an object and the formation of shadows. Children observe the apparent movement of the Sun and the associated changes in shadows.

Humanities

For history, the children will learn about Ancient Egypt. The children will find out about the way of life of people living in ancient Egypt from archaeological discoveries. They will also develop their understanding of characteristic features of a society; identify the different ways the past is represented; and use sources of information to make simple observations, inferences and deductions.

Computing

The children will use the laptops during sessions which take place twice a week, where they will learn how data can be produced, stored and transferred. They will explore how to use several programs as they learn how to build databases and create graphs; deepening their understanding of how data can be presented and interpreted. The children will begin to create simulations which can be used to represent real life situations, as well as to make and test predictions. Year 3 will continue to apply internet skills to help with research tasks online and to support them across all the subjects. They will also be given further opportunities to build on their maths skills through the use of Abacus ActiveLearn programme.

Art/DT

The children will continue to use their sketchbooks to collect, record and evaluate ideas as they enhance their drawing skills. They will also take a closer look at Artist Study 'Underwater Fantasy' inspired by Paul Klee.

PE

PE sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. This term, the children will have street dance once a week and a range of athletics challenges in a run-up to sports day, which will develop their running, jumping and throwing skills. Please ensure that your child has suitable trainers to wear that are basic, practical and comfortable.

PSHCE (P=Personal, S=Social, H=Health and C=Citizenship E=Education).

Children will be learning about how to stay safe online during the PSHCE lessons this term. Our monthly values will be a focus to help teach children how they should behave in order to become effective citizens. The values we are focusing on this term are Thankfulness, Tolerance and Peace, Love, Faithfulness and Integrity. They will also discuss and reflect on Health and Wellbeing. To prepare pupils for life in modern Britain, we will also follow the British Values as set in the National Curriculum. We aim to develop a belief in freedom and equality, a respect for the law and for British institutions, tolerance, a belief in personal and social responsibility and a wish to resolve conflict through discussion and democratic procedures. Children will also discuss current political affairs including the General Election.

French

Children will continue to learn conversational French through songs, poetry, stories and role play. Topics this term will include a brief revision of themes from last term, such as how to say various classroom objects and how to talk about our age; as well as learning about ourselves 'mon corps' (my body). This session will be taught by Mrs Bayouni.

Music

Mr Rowe will be teaching these interactive sessions and will cover Canons (voices or instrumental parts singing or playing the same music starting at different times) and Composers up to 1799. These lessons will take place every Wednesday.

I would like to thank you in advance for working with us to ensure the best for your child and I look forward to another busy, successful and fruitful summer term where we continue to celebrate and be proud of all our children!

Miss Scheuermann