

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Summer Term 2018

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 4.

RE

Our studies will reflect the seasons, feasts and monthly devotions of the Church Year. We will study and pray the prayers from the Catholic tradition, growing in knowledge and love of God and His Holy Catholic Church.

We are following the "Come and See" RE Scheme of Work. The topics for the term are: New Life, Building Bridges and God's People. These cover the themes of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit, Reconciliation and Forgiveness and finally The Universal Church and God's love for Our World and its peoples. Other Faiths: This term the children will also be studying various aspects of Hinduism.

English

In English, we will study, read and write stories that have dilemmas or issues, focusing on 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine. We will be reading and writing a range of non-fiction texts including persuasive writing, discussion texts and biographies. This will be linked with our History topic, the Romans. We will read into the text, looking for deeper meaning and why and how the author uses certain words and phrases. There will be a specific focus on handwriting, punctuation and variation in sentences used.

Reading Comprehension will continue in Guided Reading sessions as well as during English lessons. New and revised punctuation will be taught throughout writing and reading. In addition to daily reading, weekly homework (given out every Monday to be returned by Wednesday) will include either a short writing or research task and a list of spellings to practise. Children are encouraged to bring a reading book home daily and are responsible for changing their book regularly in discussion with the teacher.

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. 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 place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as measures of time, capacity and symmetry. Children will continue to develop mental and written calculation strategies. Data handling, ratio and statistics will be explored as well as problem solving, reasoning and algebra. Homework will be set weekly (given out every Wednesday to be returned by Friday) to reinforce work studied in class.

Science

Our topic is Living Things and their Habitats, with a focus on the different habitats around us and why those are specifically designed for the animals that live there.

Computing

This term's focus is on data, programming and control. Children will begin to use spreadsheets to enter data and produce graphs. Templates will also be used to create games, control external inputs, change parameters and algorithms. The children will continue to develop skills that support work across the curriculum and this will include online safety.

Humanities

The children will be finding out about the Roman Empire and its impact on Great Britain. We will look at the Romans invading Britain and the changes that occurred as a result. This will link with their geography work on why people settle in certain places. To develop understanding of life in Roman Britain the children shall be visiting Crofton Roman Villa in Orpington.

PE

The children will be continuing with Gymnastics on Tuesday mornings. They will later build on their Athletics skills towards the end of the Summer Term. Swimming will take place on Wednesday mornings so please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on that day.

French

Children will continue to learn conversational French and study French culture. They will take part in discussions about numbers, days of the week, months of the year and birthdays.

Music

Children will have weekly lessons with Mr Bramley and learn a range of new songs. They will use keyboards to learn more about musical notation.

Art & DT

The children will be looking closely at patterns, Roman mosaics, tiles and sketching artefacts. They will work with charcoal to create figures and silhouettes. This will be linked to their Topic work about the Romans. The children will also explore the world of board games and this will be linked with work covered in Computing and Maths sessions, as well as Topic work.

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

Children will learn about their responsibilities within the school and in the wider world. Our monthly values will be a focus to help teach children how they should behave to become effective citizens. Our Values for the term are: Thankfulness (April), Tolerance & Peace (May), Love (June) and Faithfulness & Integrity (July). To prepare pupils for life in modern Britain, we will 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 a healthy attitude towards British institutions, tolerance, a belief in personal and social responsibility and a wish to resolve conflict through discussion and democracy. Children will also discuss current political affairs including the Local Elections.