

St Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Year 6, we will be covering the following areas in the Autumn Term.

Religious Education

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 will be following the Come and See scheme which will cover Family and the Domestic Church, Belonging and Loving. We will be focusing on the Family of God, Baptism & Confirmation, and Advent & Christmas. We will be studying Judaism. The children will also be celebrating Harvest Festival.

English

Our reading material will be selected from the writings of significant writers and poets. We will study different texts and find out more about how to compare the work of different writers focusing on the power of imagery and other literary techniques. Pupils will read articles and reference books that explain ideas and explore ideas from across the curriculum. Studying the structure and layout of texts, we will write meaningful and informative letters, reports and explanations. We will use film and video to support language development and discuss the techniques used to show that the character is having a flashback. Of course we will continue revising for SATs with plenty of test practice, close reading of texts and answering the range of comprehension questions. In creative writing, pupils write stories, and other compositions to describe, to explain and to persuade. Children will develop their ability to plan their writing intelligently and to use correct GRAMMAR, SPELLING and PUNCTUATION. Pupils will continue to refine their cursive handwriting.

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 practice their maths skills using Abacus at home. The topics covered this term will be Number and place value; Mental multiplication, division, subtraction and addition; Decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions; Fractions, ratio and proportion. We will also cover Measurement; Geometry: properties of shapes.

Science

This term will be learning about animals including humans and evolution and inheritance.

In the first half term, the children will build on their knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body. They will research the parts and functions of the circulatory system. They will focus on how nutrients are transported around the human body. Children will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how different types of drugs affect the body.

Our unit about inheritance will involve us recognising that living things have changed over time and identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment. Describe how living things are classified into broad groups and give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. They will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate refraction, carrying out some fascinating experiments into the effects of bending light.

Computing

We will be revising the responsibilities of an internet user, including online safety. The children will be completing the following topics: Modelling and Simulations; Databases and Using Technology. They will continue using online resources to support their learning in all areas of the curriculum. We will be using email and learning how to communicate with others across the globe. E-safety will continue to be taught.

History

Our topic is the wonderfully fascinating subject of the Tudors, where we will be learning all about this intriguing period of British history from the Battle of Bosworth up to the death of Elizabeth the first. We will investigate how Henry VIII became king, why he had six wives and even visiting where he used to send his children when they were grounded.

Art/DT

This term we will be improving on our portrait skills. Linked initially to our history topic, we will be looking at historical portraits of the Tudor monarchs and the deep symbolism contained within. In DT we will be using design and ICT to prepare for a Christmas fundraising initiative.

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, including the digital world. Our monthly values will be a focus to help teach children how they should behave to become effective citizens. The values we are focusing on this term are Faith, Dignity & Compassion, Forgiveness & Mercy and Holiness & Purity.

Music

The children will learn how to play percussion instruments read musical notation and perform. The children will be taught weekly by a dedicated music teacher.

PE

Outdoor games will focus on netball and basketball. Indoor PE will include dance and gym activities developing a range of linking skills and actions, taking off and landing, turning and rolling. The children have PE on Tuesday and Friday.

French

Children will learn conversational French through songs, poetry, stories and role play.

The children and I are thrilled to be back for this, their final year at St Augustine's. They are already talking about the next stage of their education- visiting, choosing and eventually moving on to secondary school. All children will experience a range of emotions regarding this subject as the year passes. We are ready and able to support those who have any worries or concerns. The children are expected to make the best use of their increasing skills in all areas of the curriculum. The children will take small roles of responsibility as is traditional in all primary schools; from helping teachers and younger children, to collecting house points and preparing the hall for assembly. All children will have the opportunity to show how sensible and responsible they can be. I know the children are looking forward to a busy and very productive term.