

St Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Year 1, 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. This term the children will look at the Family (Domestic Church), Belonging (Baptism and Confirmation) and waiting (Advent and Christmas). We will also study Judaism as our other Faith. The children will also be celebrating Harvest Festival and taking part in the Nativity

English

This term there will be an emphasis on listening in order to sustain concentration and taking turns to speak in partners and groups. We will be investigating stories in familiar settings e.g. settings and events of stories that are known to the children, and exploring the sequence of the story through pictures and role-play with a view to making changes to the story. Present phonic knowledge will be consolidated and we will look at spelling new words and longer words with phonics as the main approach. A spelling quiz will occur weekly and will coincide with phonic sounds that we are learning. Children will explore sentence writing and this will include writing sentences for instructions and for recounting, by practicing oral retelling skills and drawing on connective phrases, such as, first, then and next. The children will read in guided groups and use both story books and information texts. The children will be listening to rhymes and poetry; links will be made with Science to write poems about the senses. **In addition to home reading and a spelling quiz on Wednesday, homework will be sent out on Friday, to be returned 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. Your child will be provided with a username and password to allow them to practise their maths skills using Abacus at home.

Maths will include addition and subtraction. Children will read order and write numbers 0-30 and investigate number bonds to 10. They will explore properties of 2d shapes, describing where objects are using positional language, measuring and comparing sizes.

Science

This term we are investigating Animals and Humans; finding out how humans and animals explore their world with their senses. Science skills, knowledge and understanding are developed through first hand experience with the help of ICT, video programs and reference books. Throughout the course of the year the children will be exploring and recording seasonal changes.

Computing

The children are continuing to develop skills in Computing. Children will increase their independency through learning to log on and off of the laptops and to save their work. Computing will also support work across the curriculum, for example, Geography and Science. Education City covers all core subjects such as Maths, Literacy and Science. The children will be developing their planning and giving instruction skills by using the Beebots. We will be using Digital Media to draw and add text.

Geography and History

The children will be learning about events beyond living memory in particular the Norman Conquest and Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We will be investigating who were the Normans as well, as how they lived, their castles and shields.

Art and DT

The children will be investigating observational drawing, portraits and self-portraits. Children will also explore drawing using different mediums such as chalk and pastels. In DT the children will design and make their own photo frame.

PE

Children will develop skills for dance and gymnastics with an emphasis on following instructions and refining their movements. Outdoor PE will focus on building up ball skills and simple competitive games. PE kit is essential please. **Please note that PE is on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and their name is on each item.**

Music

The children will learn songs and how they can use their voices in different ways. We will also cover volume and pitch. Children will also be taught music lessons by a music specialist where music terminology will be reinforced and extended.

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. The values we are focusing on this term are Faith, Dignity & Compassion, Forgiveness & Mercy and Holiness & Purity. We will also look at online safety.