

St Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Summer Term 2017

Welcome back to Year 1, we will be covering the following areas in the Summer Term.

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 will be following the "Come and See" scheme which will cover the Pentecost, Reconciliation and the Universal Church. They will be focusing on Spreading the Word, Rules and Treasures. The children will also take part in the Hands Liturgy. We will be studying Islam as our 'other faith'.

Literacy

We will continue to study both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be investigating stories about fantasy worlds. We will particularly look at the setting of stories and looking at ways we can invite and excite the reader into the story using adjectives. We will continue to explore story language, characters, voices and compare events in stories. Our non-fiction will focus on using instructions to write recipes. During phonics sessions, we will consolidate current knowledge and explore the various ways of how phonemes are spelt. We will look to extend word recognition skills of high frequency words. Children will also start looking at prefixes and suffixes in spellings. Spelling test continue to be held on Wednesdays with new words to learn going out on Fridays.

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 finding one and ten more and less than a number. We will be using number lines, bead strings and 100 squares to help us explore the value of 2 digit numbers. This term we will also be working on measurements comparing weight and capacity and creating graphs from our investigations. We continue to learn about fractions particularly finding half of a number and recognizing halves and quarters. Other topics that will be covered are odd and even numbers, time and 2d shapes. Problem solving will be taught throughout the topics using money, 2 digit numbers, fractions and measurements.

Science

This term we are looking at Growing Plants. Children will learn the names of some local plants, the parts of plants and what plants need to grow. They will also observe the growth of flowers and vegetables that they have planted. Science skills, knowledge and understanding are developed through first-hand experience with the help of video programs and reference books. Throughout the course of the year the children will be exploring and recording seasonal changes.

Computing

The children will continue to develop skills in ICT that support work across the curriculum such as Science and History. Education City covers all core subjects such as Maths, Literacy and Science.

Geography and History

In History the focus will be on how schools and transport has changed within the last 100 years. Children will be comparing old and modern day vehicles and placing them in date order. In Geography we will be exploring the United Kingdom, the countries and their capitals that are within it and where geographically we live.

Art and DT

The children will be using different media and materials to make links Science, Maths and other curriculum areas. In Art the children will be focusing on using water colours to paint still life whilst in DT we will look at food and healthy drinks. Children will design their own drinks brand and create some yummy smoothies and juices.

PE

Children will develop skills and refining movements through athletics, team games and gymnastics. Outdoor PE will continue to focus on ball skills and building up skills using equipment, such as hoops, bats and balls, as well as, simple competitive games. PE kit is essential please.

Music

Children will explore the variety of sounds made with different musical instruments, improvisation, as well as learning songs. We will also be exploring instruments and the orchestra using the story of Peter and the Wolf.

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

Children will be covering health and wellbeing. This will be supported by making healthy drink during DT. We will also considering the transitioning up to Year 2. Our monthly values will be a focus to help teach children how they should behave to become effective and caring 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 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.