

# St Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

## Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Year 2, 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 Sikhism as our 'Other Faith'. The children will also be celebrating Harvest Festival and taking part in the Nativity.

### English

We will be studying non-fiction texts. During the first term, we will be writing persuasive letters, an information leaflet and a newspaper recount. In the second term, we will complete an author study and focus upon our descriptive writing. Our poetry unit will cover Traditional Poetry – nursery rhymes. We will continue to develop phonics skills for reading and writing by revising long vowel sounds, introducing homophones, alternative spellings for known words and adding suffixes. Weekly spelling tests (Friday) will link with our spelling and phonics programmes and commonly misspelt words. We will develop our grammar skills each day by using familiar and new punctuation correctly, adding adjectives and connectives into our sentences and ensuring our tenses are correct.

### 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. We shall be focusing on number and place value. Children will begin to use empty number lines to support addition and subtraction. They will understand and use the measures associated with length. They will also recall multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 and use them to solve single problems.

### Science

In the Animals including Humans topic we shall be learning about living in habitats and also growth and survival. We will be asking questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways as well as observing, gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.

### Computing

This term we will use the Internet to accurately search for information related to our topic as well as using a variety of publishing software to change text and images (Digital Media).

### History

We will be focusing on the Great Fire of London. We will explore details surrounding the events through writing, research and art.

### DT

We will be designing and making fridge magnets using salt dough.

## **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 be looking at how to stay safe online.

## **Music**

Great Fire of London songs will be taught this term.

## **PE**

Outdoor games will focus on ball skills; travelling, sending and receiving.

Indoor PE will include dance and gym activities developing a range of linking skills and actions, taking off and landing, turning and rolling.

## **French**

Children will learn conversational French through songs, poetry, stories and role-playing. These lessons will be taught by a specialist teacher.

*Dear Parents,*

*A warm welcome to Year 2. The children have certainly come into school smiling and happy and are settling to the increased demands and expectations of their new class.*

*PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Children should leave their PE kits on their pegs - we will send them home for washing at half term. They will need a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and plimsolls and may wear jogging bottoms for outdoor PE in colder weather. It is ideal for children to have earrings removed on these days.*

*Ensure that your child brings their reading folder at least once a week and please write a comment in their yellow reading record. Homework will be given out every Friday to be returned on the following Tuesday. Spellings will also be given out on a Friday and the spelling test on Thursday.*

*I am looking forward to working with you and your children and I am sure that it will be a happy and successful year.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Mrs Thomas*