

St Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Spring Term 2018

Welcome back to Year 2. We will be covering the following areas in the Spring 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 the Local Church, Eucharist and Lent/Easter. The focus will be on Books, Thanksgiving and Opportunities. The children will also take part in the Palm Liturgy.

English

For fiction, we will be studying stories with Familiar Settings and Stories from Other Cultures. Our poetry unit will focus on Contemporary Poems. We will continue to develop phonics and spelling skills for reading and writing through investigating plurals, adding suffixes and looking at words where the sound may not match the letter (such as 'a' in warm). We will work on homophones and improving sentences for writing as well as editing our work for improvements. Weekly spelling tests will link with spelling skills taught.

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. This term we will be covering number and place value, including ordering numbers and counting in different multiples, the properties of 2d and 3d shape, using empty number lines for addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, including fractions, and data handling as well as continuing to develop mental addition and subtraction skills. Problem solving and reasoning will be included throughout the term.

Science

Our topic this term is Uses of Everyday Materials. We will investigate how everyday materials are suitable for specific purposes and how materials can be changed. We will be asking questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways as well as observing, performing simple tests and gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.

Computing

We will look at different ways to collect and present data as well as how we can communicate with people online. We will continue to practise our typing skills and improve our typing speed.

Geography

Our topic of Weather around the World will include locating different places around the world using atlases. We will look at how places are similar and different to where we live as well as seasonal and daily weather patterns on our planet.

Art/DT

We will be focusing on using natural materials in our weaving topic and then extending this into our sewing unit.

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 Truth and Justice, Humility and Gentleness, Service and Sacrifice. We will celebrate Internet Safety Day, revising how to stay safe online.

Music

This term we will be focusing on rhythm and pitch and using xylophones. The children will continue their drumming lessons as well. Mr Bramley will teach the children weekly.

PE

For this term, outdoor games will focus on striking, fielding and invasion type games. Indoor PE will be Dance. PE days continue to be Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child has both shorts and jogging bottoms in their kit.

French

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