

St Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Summer Term 2017

Welcome back to Year 2. We will be covering the following areas in the Summer 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 Pentecost, Reconciliation and the Universal Church. The children will be focusing on Spreading the Word, Rules and Treasures. They will also take part in the Hands Liturgy in the second half of the Summer Term. We will be studying Islam as our 'Other Faith'.

English

We will be continuing with our work on Information Text. We will study Fantasy Stories and will also focus on the author Anthony Browne. Our poetry unit will focus on Favourite Poems. We will continue to develop phonics and spelling skills for reading and writing through adding suffixes and prefixes, homophones and alternative sounds for words. There will be a focus on improving sentences for writing as well as editing our work for improvements. Weekly spelling tests will link with spelling skills taught. We will be consolidating our knowledge of punctuation and grammar taught so far.

Mathematics

We will 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 using an empty number line to solve addition and subtraction problems, fractions and using and applying all four operations in a variety of real life contexts. Children will use units of measure (weight, capacity, mass and time) and know the relationship between them. We will look at different ways to collect and present data. We will continue to revise skills to improve mental maths such as times tables.

Science

Our topics this term are Living Things and Their Habitats and Green Plants. We will investigate how plants grow and what they need to grow and stay healthy. We will investigate the differences between living, dead and non-living things as well as examine a variety of habitats and their suitability for different animals. 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. Our trip to the Environmental Centre in Eltham will link to our Science studies.

Computing

We will be looking at Programming and Control using a variety of onscreen programs as well as programmable toys. We will investigate Modelling and Simulations and how they differ from real life as well as using animation and cameras to write, film and edit our own short film.

History

Our topic of "Lives of Significant Individuals" will allow us to look at a variety of people in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements with a particular focus on Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria.

Art/DT

Using the medium of pastels we will draw figures and portraits in art. Our food topic will involve preparing and cooking fruit and vegetables.

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 Thankfulness, Tolerance and Peace, Love, Faithfulness and Integrity. To prepare pupils for life in modern Britain, we will 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. Children will also discuss current political affairs including the General Election.

Music

The children will learn how to play different percussion instruments, read musical notation and perform as well as learn a variety of hymns and songs. The children will be taught weekly by Mr Rowe.

PE

Outdoor games concentrate on throwing and catching and hitting games with a focus on cricket. Indoor PE will include gym; creating and performing short, linked sequences with a clear beginning, middle and end and have contrasting directions, levels and speeds. The children will also learn street dance.

French

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