

St Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Spring Term 2018

Welcome to the Spring Term in Year 3. I hope you have all had an enjoyable break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead, where we will be covering the following areas:

Religious Education

Our studies will continue to reflect the seasons, the feasts and the devotions by month of the Church Year. The children will study and pray the prayers from the Catholic tradition, growing in knowledge and love of God and the Holy Catholic Church. We will be following the 'Come and See' scheme, covering the Local Church, the Christian family's journey with Christ and the Eucharist (Listening and Sharing). During Lent and leading up to Easter, we will be remembering Jesus who gave his all to us, and exploring the challenge to Christians to follow Jesus' example of self-giving.

English

This term we will be looking at Traditional Tales, as the children delve into different styles of story-writing. They will also learn how to write different types of information texts. Children will have the opportunity to extend their vocabulary by familiarising themselves with a range of authors and stories throughout the term, and will be given further opportunities to practise writing and reciting poetry. Our main texts will include Aesop's Fables, which we will use to inspire the children when writing their own traditional tales. Reading comprehension will continue in Guided Reading sessions as well as during Literacy lessons, where children will practise spellings, punctuation and grammar. Children are reminded to take pride in the presentation of their work at all times, and are urged to transfer handwriting skills across all subjects. Children will continue to bring their reading books home, and a weekly spelling list to learn for Friday's spelling test. Please ensure your child practises their spellings on a weekly basis. Homework will be set on a Monday and is due to be completed and handed in 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 has been provided with a username and password to allow them to practice their maths skills using Abacus at home. The topics covered this spring term mental addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, statistics, measurement, problem solving, reasoning and algebra.

Science

This term the children will be studying Rocks and Fossils. Children will continue to carry out investigations and experiments to help develop their scientific skills, through exploring and asking questions about what they observe; for example, changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, and carrying out simple comparative and fair tests; drawing simple conclusions and using scientific vocabulary.

Humanities

The focus this term is based around geographical knowledge and understanding. The children will learn about the causes and effects of earthquakes and volcanoes, which can also be linked to their Science topic on Rocks and Fossils, and how they are formed.

Computing

The children will continue to use the laptops during our sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays, where they will learn more about how data can be produced, stored and transferred; as well as how to use the internet safely. They will explore the world of communicating and collaborating online (e.g. sending and receiving emails), and deepen their understanding of programming and control. The children will begin to use more advanced on-line tools and learn more complex sequences of instructions for a variety of programmable devices. These skills will enable the children to be more confident and safe online, and will help to support them across other curriculum subjects

Art/DT

We will be exploring sculpture and Papier Mache techniques and using sketchbooks to record and evaluate ideas. Later on in the term, the children will be using the skills they have learned to construct items related to their work in science and the humanities.

PE

PE sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings where children will play striking and fielding games. The children will also be swimming this term on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure that your child brings in appropriate swimwear, has a large-enough towel, and that no jewellery is worn on this day.

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

Children will continue to 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 in order to become effective citizens. The values we are focusing on this term are Truth & Justice, Humility & Gentleness, and Service & Sacrifice. We will also discuss significant world events such as the lives of famous people and extreme weather conditions; examining the impact that these people and events have had on society. We will celebrate Internet Safety Day, revising how to stay safe online.

French

Children will continue to learn conversational French through songs, poetry, stories and role play. Topics this term will include a brief revision of themes from last term such as greetings and saying your name, together with school-based topics like understanding and following instructions, how to say various classroom objects and colours, and how to talk about our age. This session will be taught by Mrs Bayouni.

Music

This term the children will explore un-tuned and tuned instruments, ensemble and composition. Mr Bramley will be teaching the children during our vibrant sessions which will take place every Thursday morning.

Dear Families,

We would like to remind you that Mrs Lue-Kong will be teaching Year 3 on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Schneider will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We look forward to an exciting and inspiring term of learning in Year 3! Please do contact us if you have any queries, comments or concerns about your child's learning or experiences at school.