

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Year 4, 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. They will be focusing on the Family of God, Baptism & Confirmation, and Advent & Christmas. We will be studying Judaism as our 'Other Faith'. The children will also be exploring the Harvest Festival and CAFOD family fast days.

English

Our class texts this term are *The Iron Man* and *The Iron Woman* by Ted Hughes. We will be creating images through poetry and will write imaginary stories as we contrast the real with the imaginary world. We will focus on describing the setting of these stories and will use verbs, adjectives and adjectival phrases (the *tallest*, he's not *as old* etc.) to write character descriptions and describe the surroundings. We will also study Greek myths and legends. The children will plan and write their own stories, using paragraphs, based on Theseus and the Minotaur. As well as fiction, the children will write newspaper reports based on Greek myths.

Reading comprehension will continue in Guided Reading sessions as well as during Literacy lessons. New and revised punctuation will be taught throughout writing and reading. In addition to daily reading, weekly homework (given out every Monday, to be handed in on Wednesday) will include either a short writing or research task. Spellings will be given out every Monday to be learnt for over the course of the week and will be tested on Friday. Children will bring a reading book home daily and are responsible for changing their book regularly in discussion with the teacher. We ask parents to sign their record book regularly.

Mathematics

We are continuing to use Abacus Active Learn to support the teaching of mathematics. Active Learn helps children make sense of and practise 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.

Maths covered will include place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as measurement and statistics. Fractions, ratio and proportion will be explored and also decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions. Homework will be set weekly each Wednesday (to be handed in on Friday), and will either reinforce work we have done during the week, or will be a task that prepares them for a new topic.

Science

The first topic we study this term is Electricity. Children will know about simple circuits involving batteries, wires and bulbs and how a switch can be used to break a circuit. They will find out which materials are good electrical conductors and insulators.

The second topic is Animals, including Humans whereby children will learn about the human body and the basic functions of bones and muscles. They will also study how food and exercise affect the body.

Computing

The children are continuing to develop skills in ICT that support work across the curriculum.

Working with Digital Media, the children will create basic stop motion animations using technology. Children will understand that ICT allows for situations to be modelled or those which would be impractical to try out in real life and investigate the effect of changing variables in these simulations.

Children will also be taught about online safety so that they are more confident in knowing how to stay safe whilst using the internet, whether at home or in school.

Geography and History

The children will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. During the topic we will compare Ancient Greek culture with that of today. We will look at their religious beliefs, daily life, myths and school life, as well as looking at how what happened then, still affects us today.

Art and Design

Our Art and Design work is linked each term to our topic work. This term we will be looking at Greek artefacts and designs and creating our own Greek silhouettes.

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.

Music

Children will have weekly music lessons with a qualified music specialist, where they will learn percussion instruments, notation and performance.

French

Children will continue to learn conversational French with a French specialist, as well as studying the culture of France

PE

Children will have indoor and outdoor PE lessons, focusing on gymnastics, dance and invasion games. PE sessions will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays, therefore please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on those days.