

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Year 5. We will be covering the following areas of the curriculum 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 also be studying Judaism.

English

We will be studying instructional texts and tying these in with our history topic. We will also write some poetry inspired by the Anglo-Saxon invaders. Throughout the year, children will be reading a number of poems by significant poets in order to analyse and compare poetic style. Our focus this term is on the style of Tanka, similar to Haiku and the children will be provided with many opportunities to write their own poetry.

Guided Reading sessions as well as during English lessons will provide daily opportunities for Reading comprehension. Children will bring a reading book home daily and are responsible for changing their book regularly. Children should still be reading regularly and discussing their books. They will be given a weekly spelling test and will continue to practise the cursive handwriting technique that they have been learning throughout their time in St. Augustine's.

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 practise their maths skills using Abacus at home.

This term, we will cover many areas of the curriculum, including converting between measures of time, drawing and measuring angles accurately using a protractor, finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages and solving problems in all areas. The children will practise a variety of methods for mental and written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be revising times tables regularly.

Homework will be set weekly (Monday and Wednesday) and will either reinforce work we have done that week or will be a task that prepares them for a new topic. Weekly spellings will continue.

Science

During the first half of this term, the children will gain further knowledge and understanding of different kind of forces including gravity, air resistance, surface resistance and magnetic forces. An ongoing topic of Animals Including Humans will also be studied throughout the year. During this term, we will be focusing on the life cycle of different types of animals from birth to death.

Science skills, knowledge and understanding are developed through first-hand experience and investigations where possible.

Computing

This term children will continue to learn about using the Internet and Programming and Controlling as well as the importance of e-safety.

History

Our history topic will be the Anglo-Saxons, where children will learn about the invasion and then settling of the Anglo-Saxons, and how this has shaped the country we live in today.

Art & Design

This term, the class will study surrealism, an area of modern art, which they will also have the opportunity to experiment with. Later in the term, we will spend time creating a flap-book or picture book as part of the Design curriculum.

PE

Children will continue to have regular PE lessons, gymnastics will be taught in the second half of the term.

Children will also be taking part in swimming this term (**Wednesday morning**) where they will further improve their swimming skills.

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

The class will engage in a mini-project, creating a timeline of Music Periods. Music will be taught by a specialist teacher.

French

Children will continue to learn conversational French as well as studying the culture of France. These lessons will be taught by a specialist teacher.

It is a great pleasure to be teaching these children again and I am thrilled to say that all children have already happily settled into school and into the routines and expectations of upper KS2. Y5 is an important year in your child's education, and I hope they will thoroughly enjoy this year with me and I will be able to witness them grow in confidence and self-belief. I am positive, that together, we will have a very productive and fruitful year. Please remember our open door policy- I am always happy to speak to you if you have any questions at all.

Miss Scheuermann