

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Spring Term 2018

Pupils in Year 5 will be covering the following curriculum this Spring term.

RE

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 continuing Jesus' Mission, Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice, and Lent: aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus.

English

This term we will be reading the novel by Beverley Naidoo, *Journey to Jo'burg*. We will look closely at the author's techniques and learn to show mood and character through speech, action and dialogue. The class will learn how to participate in formal debate and how to put forward a point of view, justifying it and using persuasive language in speech and showing that they can listen to each other and respond well to each other's contributions. Later in the term, the children will study *The Highway Man*, by Alfred Noyes. 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 practice their maths skills using Abacus at home. The topics covered this spring term will be further work on mental and written calculation, properties of shapes, conversion between measurements in grams and kilograms, and between metres and kilometres. The children will also study fractions and angles in shapes.

Science

This term, the children will gain knowledge, skills and understanding about forces. We will be investigating air resistance, friction, water resistance and even gravity. We will also be visiting the Science Museum very soon to help us with this.

We will also be continuing with our topic of "animals including humans", studying life cycles from birth to old age.

Computing

Children will design and write spreadsheets for specific purposes, using various functions of the programmes such as Excel. We will be learning about e-safety and knowing when it is safe to communicate with other people online. The children are continuing to develop skills in ICT that support work across the curriculum.

Geography

This term we will be studying rivers and the Amazon rainforest as a contrasting locality. We will use an atlas to identify and describe what places are like, ask geographical questions and use appropriate vocabulary. By the end of the unit we will be able to describe and explain how and why places are similar to and different from other places. We will be linking this learning with our English and using it to inspire our persuasive debates.

Ukulele

We are lucky enough to have had our ukulele lessons extended through the Spring term! This means that we will be enhancing our skills at thumb-brush strums and banjo picking. We will learn new chords and songs as well.

PE

Children will develop key skills related to invasion games. Children will plan, use and adapt strategies and tactics in Football. These sessions will be on Tuesday. This term, the children will also have tennis lessons with a coach on Fridays. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in a PE bag in school at all times.

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

Children will continue to look at health and wellbeing, learning how lifestyle can contribute to each of these. We will celebrate Internet Safety Day, revising how to stay safe online. During Lent the children will make Lenten promises considering how they can make a sacrifice that will help others. Our monthly values of Truth and Justice, Humility and gentleness, Service and Sacrifice will be a focus to help teach children how they should behave to become effective citizens.

Music

Children will have weekly music lessons with Mr Bradley where they will about musical periods through the ages.

French

Children will continue to learn conversational French as well as studying the culture of France.