

St Augustine's Catholic Primary Curriculum Overview

Spring Term 2018

In Year 1 we will be covering the following areas in the 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.

We are following the 'Come and See' programme of work. The children will be focusing on the topics: Special People – people in our parish family, Meals – Mass; Jesus' special meal and Change – Lent a time for change. Children will have the opportunity to attend Masses and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This term the particular focus will be on Lenten Preparation and Easter.

Literacy

This term we will study both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be investigating traditional tales focusing on The Hare and the Tortoise and explore the sequence of the story, beginnings and endings, as well as story language. Our study of non-fiction texts; will include writing information texts and recounts. During phonics sessions we continue to consolidate current knowledge and explore the various ways of phonemes are spelt. We will look to extend our word recognition skills of high frequency words. Reading will be done in groups, when the children will use both story books and information texts. The children will be listening to rhymes and poetry with a focus on pattern and rhyme. In addition to home reading and a weekly sounds/words spellings test, homework is compulsory and will be sent out on Friday, to be returned by Wednesday. We will also continue to send home our rhyme of the week.

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 are place value, addition, subtraction, problem solving, measuring, 3d shapes, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's

Science

This term we are investigating Everyday Materials; finding out about the properties of materials and grouping them accordingly. Science skills, knowledge and understanding are developed through first hand experience with the help of ICT, video programs and reference books. Throughout the course of the year the children will be exploring and recording seasonal changes.

Computing

The children are continuing to develop skills in ICT that support work across the curriculum. Children will learn how to use digital media to record sounds and use programming software. They will be using laptops and tablets.

Geography and History

This term our humanities focus will be Geography. We will be investigating Local geography, 'around our school' and a small area of Non-European Place and its location in the world. Children will learn and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.

Art and DT

The children will be investigating using different media and materials to make links with science. This will culminate in the creation of our own sculpture and a DT project where they will investigate the best materials for transporting Humpty Dumpty.

PE

Children will develop skills for dance with an emphasis on refining their movements and creating a sequence of movements. Outdoor PE will focus on building up skills using equipment, such as hoops, bats and balls, as well as, simple competitive ball games. PE kit is essential please make sure your child's name is on their PE kit. We will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Music

The children will learn songs and how they can use their voices in different ways. We will also cover volume and pitch. Children will also be taught music lessons by Mr Bramley on Friday Where music terminology will be reinforced and extended, in particular rhythm.

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

Children will learn about relationships and how to communicate emotion and how their actions can affect how their peers feel. 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.