

Religious Education

This term we will continue to learn about the importance of Easter and the message it sends to us as Christians. In our '*Pentecost and Mission*' topic we will learn about the Holy Spirit and how we can feel its presence in our daily lives. Our '*Sacraments*' topic will cover the meaning of different symbols that we see in church. In our final topic '*Judaism*' we will be exploring Jesus' beliefs and traditions.

Mathematics

We begin the term by using learnt strategies to mentally calculate the solution to problems using numbers up to 100. We will also learn to tell the time and solve problems involving money. We will then begin to explore multiplication by using repeated addition as well as telling stories based on the multiplication concept and repeated addition. We will explore division by using the concept of sharing equally into groups.

Geography

Our topic is 'Where in the world is Barnaby Bear?' This year he will be visiting Paris! We look forward to learning more about this capital city and tasting French cuisine.

We will spend time learning about how to make the area we live in and the area around our school safer. We will come up with some practical advice to help us and others stay safe on busy roads.

Children wondered:

- What was life like on Christopher Columbus' ship?
- What is the difference between rubber and plastic?
- Why does a thermometer say it's hot when it feels cold?

English

This term we will be continuing our work on Information texts. We will create our own Non-Fiction booklets and write about our upcoming trip to the Wetlands Centre. We will be developing our understanding of the structure of fiction texts, using books such as 'The Gruffalo' and 'Where the Wild Things are'. In June, we will continue to practise our knowledge of phonics as well as learning to spell high frequency and tricky words. We will be learning to spell the days of the week and numbers one to twenty.

P.E

In PE this term, we will develop our skills by learning a variety of Athletic techniques. This will culminate in Sports Day towards the end of summer term.

We will play a variety of simple invasion games to ensure that we get the chance to apply our skills in competitive situations.

We will also be developing our tennis skills. We will be practising our racket skills and focussing on hand-eye coordination.

Year 1

Art, DT & Music

In Art this term, we look forward to another very creative and exciting term! We will be making birds and nests out of clay as well as making bird boxes using household items.

In DT, we will be making a class 'Textile Tree' out of a variety of materials. This will link with our science topic 'Everyday Materials' as we explore their different properties and uses.

In Music, we will have the opportunity to explore a variety of instruments and gain a greater understanding of how they are played and how they sound.

Computing

Our Computing work continues to support learning in all subject areas. The main ICT focus this term is developing programming skills using the BeeBots.

PSHE

During circle time we will spend time discussing how to stay safe around the house and what to do if we feel worried about things. We will explore the concept of growing up and memories that are important to us. Linked with our Geography topic, we will be looking at road safety and who keeps us safe.

How can you help at home?

- Read every day with your child.
- Visit your local library and read a range of stories, poems and information books together.
- Make sure your child is checking their work for capital letters, full stops and connectives.
- Regular practise of spelling high frequency words that don't follow usual spelling rules, e.g *said, have, could, house* etc.

History

Christopher Columbus will be our next history topic. We will learn all about his voyage to South America, including his possible encounters with pirates! We will also be making comparisons with Neil Armstrong and his adventures.

Science

This half term we will be starting to learn about '*Everyday Materials*'. We will think about why objects are made from certain materials and the properties of different materials. Our year long topic of '*Seasons*' will end this term with a study of the temperatures and conditions we have recorded in our scrapbooks.