

Religious Education

Our first RE topic this term is 'Christmas'. In this topic, we will deepen our understanding of the Annunciation and the events of the Christmas story. In our second topic of 'Revelation', we will learn about how special Jesus is from reading parables and learning about the many miracles Jesus performed. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss Scripture at home with your child and reinforce their learning. Our final topic of 'Lent', will reinforce the importance of forgiveness, as we prepare for the season of Easter.

English

We will be enjoying reading a range of Traditional Tales such as, Goldilocks and The Three Little Pigs. We will be focusing on learning the features of traditional tales, and using a range of VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation), we will retell these stories in our writing. We will explore 'Nonsense Poetry' where we will let our imaginations run wild and be as creative as possible when writing our own silly poems! We will continue to practise handwriting daily, as well as developing reading comprehension through guided reading activities.

P.E

Our indoor PE topic this term is 'Athletics'. We will be learning about the various types of skills needed to partake in the different sports and use the array of equipment we have to try as many of the sports as possible. In outdoor PE, the focus is on multi skills and developing ball skills (hands and feet) as well as learning about invasion games. We will also develop our understanding of what good sportsmanship means.

Mathematics

In Maths we will be working hard on counting in steps of 2's, 5's and 10's, forwards and backwards from any number, e.g. 2, 7, 12, 17.... Using our knowledge of place value we will be adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers where regrouping is required. We will begin learning about the measures of volume and length, and comparing differences, so any practical activities you carry out at home would really support this, e.g. measuring when baking, measuring who is tallest, has longest feet etc.

Geography

This term we are learning all about the colourful land of South Africa through Barnaby Bear's adventures. We will be comparing life in South Africa with life in London and finding out many exciting things. For example, did you know that South Africa is often called the 'Rainbow Nation'?

Children wondered:

- Why don't they use Mary's medicines in hospitals anymore?
- Why is there a South Africa and not a North Africa?
- Where is Crimea?

How can you help at home?

- Practise counting on and back in twos, fives and tens from any number to one hundred and beyond, and counting on and back in halves and quarters to 20.
- Continue to work on reading the time, moving onto reading 5 minute intervals.
- Continue to use various coins to make different amounts and solve problems related to this.
- Listen to your child read each day and ask them a variety of questions about the books they have chosen.
- Support handwriting development by practising daily.
- Carry out some research into Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.
- Observe animals in the local environment.

History

This term we will be learning about the life of Mary Seacole and her role in the Crimean war. We will then move on to learning about the famous World War I British nurse, Edith Cavell. We will compare and contrast these two fascinating women. The children's learning will be supported by a homework activity which will be research based.

Year 2

Art, DT, Music & Drama

In Art we can look forward to learning about buildings, in particular Gaudi's 'La Sagrada Familia' and Sir Christopher Wren's 'St. Paul's Cathedral', which links to our last History topic: The Great Fire of London. We will also create our own paper cut out collages inspired by the work of Henri Matisse.

In DT, we look forward to our topic on, 'Toast'. We will investigate the process of change through which the bread goes when becoming toast. Furthermore, we will choose our own toppings and then evaluate our choices.

In Music the focus this term will be on pitch. Linking to the topic of 'Animals', we will look at how animals are represented in Music. We will also get the opportunity to draw our own graphic scores.

Computing

We will be continuing our work on algorithms and thinking about what makes a good one. We will also learn how to write programs using a visual programming language.

PSHE

We will continue to explore the importance of friendship and respect for others, especially during playtimes. This links well with some of the messages we will here in the parables in R.E. We will discuss and develop our understanding of healthy choices, linking to our Science topic.

Science

This term our topic is, 'Animals, including humans'. We will be learning that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will also be finding out what all animals need to survive. Then we will move onto describing the importance of exercise, healthy diet and hygiene for humans.