

Religious Education

In R.E. this term we will be learning in greater depth about the resurrection of Jesus at **Easter** and celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit by learning about **Pentecost**.

Later on in the term, in our **Sacraments** topic, we will develop an understanding of what a sacrament is, through exploring what happens during Baptism, Matrimony and the Eucharist.

English

We will be continuing to develop our reading VIPERS comprehension skills by reading a range of texts and focusing on different skills to answer questions.

In our written work, we will continue to develop our use of speech and description through a number of texts, such as *Fantastic Mr Fox* and *Hodgeheg*. We will also have the opportunity to research and practise writing information texts, to share our new found knowledge.

Finally, we will continue learning different spelling and grammar rules as well as reading and spelling the Year 2 Common Exception Words.

How can you help at home?

- Learn by heart the multiplication and division facts for 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 times tables up to X12.
- Practice mental arithmetic skills e.g. quick recall of number bonds, multiplication and division facts, .
- Listen to your child read each day and ensure they read a variety of books e.g. poetry, non-fiction, picture books.
- Observe plants in the local environment and support learning the names of the parts of plants.
- Talk about the history of the local area you live in.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will continue to extend our learning in number by using our place value and number fact knowledge to solve problems. We will be solving problems using the 4 operations continuing to represent our understanding through the bar model, pictorial representations and the column method.

We will also be exploring simple fractions, including fractions of amounts and recognising that 2 quarters are equal to a half.

We will continue to learn our 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables to improve our rapid recall of number facts.

PE

In PE this term, our outdoor focus will be Attack, Defend, Shoot. This will help us to improve our ball skills by playing a variety of team sports.

We will also be taking part in Send and Throw activities. This will give us the opportunity to participate in net games and collaborate with team mates. As part of this focus, we will work on our agility skills to improve our game play.

History

We will be learning about the history of the local area. The topic will help us to understand how Hammersmith has changed and we will gain an understanding of how houses have been modified over time.

Geography

This term we are learning all about continents and oceans. We will be using world maps, atlases and globes to locate them. We will also study both the human and physical features of Australia and discuss how they differ from the United Kingdom.

Year 2

Art, DT & Music

Linking with our Geography topic, on continents and oceans, we will be looking at how artists through the ages have captured views of the sea. We will use fabric and our weaving skills to create a collaborative weaving. We will also create sculptures of fish and sea creatures to add to our weaving.

In Design and Technology, we will be designing and making animal finger puppets, to link in with our Science topic. The children will learn about the design process from their initial ideas to evaluating the end product. It's sure to be lots of fun!

In Music, this term we will be using Google Chrome Lab music software to explore pitch and rhythm. We will explore sound and compose our own music. We will also discuss how a variety of pieces of music make us feel.

Children wondered:

- What is half a half?
- Why do we need to eat a range of foods?
- How can you learn to run faster?
- Who did Mary tell when she realised Jesus was no longer in the tomb?

Computer Science

In Computer Science we will be using Bee-Bots to learn how to use instructions in sequences and understand how order affects the outcome. We will also use block base programming to create quizzes,

Relationships and Health Education

We will learn to celebrate similarities and differences between people, including our God-given bodies and the things they enable us to do! We will also learn how to maintain personal hygiene and the physical differences between boys and girls, including the correct names for genitalia.

We will learn to understand and articulate our own changing feelings and how other people's feelings might differ from ours. We will also learn how we can manage our feelings and about the consequences of our actions.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about 'Animals including Humans'.

We will look at how animals have offspring, which grow into adults. We will also find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, for survival and the importance of humans exercise and hygiene.

We will continue to learn about 'Plants' and observe them in the school garden over time.