

Religious Education

In RE we will be discussing 'The Creation' where we will explore how Jesus calls us and called His disciples. We will be learning about 'Prayers, Saints and Feasts' where we will focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the life of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on number work; including work on place value and ordering 3 digit numbers. We will also use different mental and written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will begin our times tables tests each week and practise telling the time to the nearest five minutes. We are focusing on applying deeper levels of understanding in each of these areas.

Geography

Through our Geography topic, we will learn about our local area. We will practise our mapping skills, learn to identify features in aerial photographs and discuss whether these features are human or physical. We will also explore our local area on a field trip.

Children wondered:

- How do magnets attract to objects?
- Why was flint so useful in the Stone Age?
- What is the most common form of transport in our area?

English

Our English work will be based on stories by the same author as well as non-fiction letter writing. Later in the term, we will focus on stories by a familiar author, Roald Dahl. We will read some extracts from his books, discuss the features for story writing and create our own stories. We will continue to work on our joined up handwriting in all pieces of work.

P.E

In PE we will be focusing on 'Dance.' With the assistance of a specialised teacher, we will be learning a musical theatre style dance. We will have the opportunity to improve our co-ordination and learn an exciting routine!

We will also be focusing on tag rugby this term and will be learning lots of tactics as well as match play!

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Computing

We will be using the laptops each week. We will develop our digital literacy skills; learning how to use the internet safely and how useful a website can be to support our learning. We will talk about the importance of keeping our personal information private and we will think about our responsibilities as an online citizen, e.g. we will never take part in cyber bullying.

How can you help at home?

- Practise fluency skills by playing games and cards.
- Go for a swim together, as we will be starting swimming lessons after Christmas.
- Help your child to learn their spellings and times tables for the weekly test.
- Listen to your child read and discuss their book with them everyday.

History

In the Autumn term we will be learning about the Stone Age. We will look at what foods the hunters and gatherers ate in the Mesolithic times, what tools they used and how they lived. We will find out about the Neolithic farmers and their settlements.

French, Art, DT & Music

In Music, we will be creating accompaniments to songs using percussion instruments and recorders. Art lessons will give us the opportunity to learn about colour gradients by mixing and matching. We will also focus on the work of 'Van Gogh' – the Potato Eaters. During French lessons, we will discuss the importance of learning a foreign language, participate in simple conversations and practise using formal and informal greetings. In DT, we will be designing and creating a net that will form a package for a chocolate bar. This is linked to our maths work on 3D shapes.

Science

In Science, our topic will be exploring 'Forces and Magnets'. We will learn about different types of magnets and we will investigate the strength of different magnets. We will also learn about how and where magnets are used in everyday life.

After half term, we will find out about rocks and soils. We will learn about the rock cycle and sort rocks based on their characteristics. We will visit the school garden to see how different soils affect plant growth.