

Religious Education

As part of our Christmas topic, we will be thinking about the Christmas story and retelling it from the perspective of the shepherds.

After half term, we will be learning about 'Revelation'. In this topic we will think about how people recognise God's revelation of Himself in Jesus. We will also continue to prepare for our First Holy Communion, both in school and in our parishes.

English

We will begin the term by learning about formal and informal letters. We will learn about the features of letters and use this knowledge to write letters of our own! We will also be looking at different types of poetry, and we will have the opportunity to perform our own poems in front of an audience! After half term, we will be working on persuasive writing.

How can you help at home?

- Help your child to learn their spellings and their times tables for their weekly tests.
- Listen to your child read every day.
- Visit a swimming pool on a regular basis.
- Carry out research on our topic areas of the human body, the Romans and types of weather.

Mathematics

In Maths we will practise counting in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. We will be looking at using money and telling the time in a practical context. We will solve number problems and practical problems with a focus on explaining our reasoning and choice of method. We will continue to work on fractions and practise our times tables weekly.

P.E

In PE we will be developing our Tennis skills .

After half-term we will concentrate on improving our netball and handball skills.

We will soon be starting our swimming lessons every Tuesday at St Paul's swimming pool. We must remember to bring our swimming kit each week!

History

We will be studying Roman Britain; their lifestyles (including period costumes and the food they ate), the Roman Army and the reasons for the British invasion.

Geography

In Geography we will learn about weather around the world. We will explore weather patterns found in different climate zones, such as the desert and the tropics; we will suggest why these might differ. We will develop our map skills and our weather forecasting skills as we become meteorologists!

Year 3

French, Art & Music

In French lessons we will continue to learn about numbers and how to ask how old people are. We will also learn colours and how to talk about brothers and sisters.

In Art we will look at the work of Henri Rousseau, particularly the painting '*Tiger in a Tropical Storm (Surprised!)*.' Using inspiration from the painting, we will to create our own 3D jungle dioramas with collage.

In music lessons we will be learning a range of songs that explore African culture and wildlife. Our lessons will culminate in a performance with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Cadogan Hall in March, titled 'Zambezi Tales' .

Children wondered:

- Why did the Romans want to invade Britain?
- Why are deserts so hot and the poles so cold?
- What happens to our bodies during and after exercise?

Computing

We will be learning what an algorithm is and how to write and debug a program with a visual programming language from an algorithm.

PSHE

Through our Science topic we will learn about the importance of having a balanced diet. We will also carry out circle time activities in class and consider the qualities of a good friend.

Science

In Science we will learn about the human body and its functions including, digestion, respiration and movement. We will also discuss the importance of having a balanced diet.