

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.

Then, we will be learning about 'Revelation'. In this topic we will think about how people recognise God's revelation of Himself in Jesus.

Our Lent topic will enable us to explore how preparation time for Easter involves change.

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 instructions, newspapers and stories by Edward Ardizzone. We will also be looking at different types of poetry, and how to perform poetry for an audience!

Later in the term, we will be learning about Roman Myths and Legends (linked to our History topic) and will be creating a few new myths and legends of our own.

How can you help at home?

- Help your child to learn their spellings and their times and division tables for their weekly tests.
- Listen to your child read and discuss their book every day.
- Visit a swimming pool on a regular basis.
- Ask your child to tell the time daily.
- Go shopping together to practise using money — plan the budget and make shopping lists together.

Mathematics

In Maths we will continue to work on our calculation skills focusing on multiplication and division as well as applying those skills when problem solving. We will solve number problems and practical problems with a focus on explaining our reasoning and choice of method.

We will also be learning about fractions - a significant topic for Year 3 .

Furthermore, we will be using money to solve real-life problems and practising to tell the time daily.

P.E

In PE we developing our Gymnastics skills (every Tuesday).

We will also be starting our swimming lessons every Wednesday at St Paul's swimming pool. We must remember to bring our swimming kit to the lesson.

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 start 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, linking with our Dreamtime song music performance, we will look at Australian Aboriginal art and collect shapes and lines to decorate a textile. We will also make rainmakers inspired by Australia's dry landscape. In the second half of term, we will design and make mosaics inspired by ancient Roman mosaics.

In Music we will be learning about Dreamtime Tales and Aboriginal songs in preparation for our concert in Cadogan Hall. We will continue to practise our Ukulele skills.

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?
- Why do we say 'quarter past' instead of 15 minutes past?

Computing

We will continue to learn what an algorithm is and how to write and debug a maze computer game with a visual programming language from an algorithm.

Science

In Science we will be finishing our topic on Rocks, Fossils and Soil.

Then 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.

We will also have a Gardening club on Thursday afternoons to support our science topics—we have been planting herbs and collecting rocks already.