

Religious Education

In Year 3, we will celebrate receiving our First Holy Communion by attending the Good Shepherd Mass at Westminster Cathedral on **Thursday 8th June**.

As part of our Pentecost and Mission topic, we will consider how the disciples were transformed by the Holy Spirit.

In our Sacraments Topic, we will link the different parts of the Mass to the sacrifices that Jesus made for us.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will progress with our work on fractions, reviewing equivalent fractions and moving onto finding fractions of amounts. We will also be reviewing multiplying two and three digit numbers by a one digit number. Please refer to our calculation policy which is available online.

We will continue to focus upon applying these methods to problem-solving activities.

Geography

In Geography this term, we will locate the world's rainforests on a map. We will look closely at the strata of the rainforest and research the plant and animal life found in each stratum.

In addition, we will find out about how farming and business has led to the destruction of parts of the rainforest.

Children wondered:

- Why are rainforest plants so different from what we find in this country?
- Do Mayan traditions still exist in Central America?
- How did the Holy Spirit change the disciples?

English

We will begin this term by looking at the different parts of adventure stories. This will help us to plan and write our own adventure stories. We will explore stories with familiar settings and create our own descriptions of settings. We will also learn about the features of newspaper reports and we will write our own articles based on current issues.

P.E

Year 3 will continue our swimming lessons every Thursday at St Paul's swimming pool until Tuesday 11th July.

We will also be practising our indoor and outdoor athletic skills in preparation for Sports Day.

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Computing

We will be learning how to use a visual programming language to write programs. We will be thinking about what an algorithm is and why it is so important to programming.

French, Art, DT & Music

In French, we will learn numbers up to 39. We will also learn how to talk about our families.

In Art, we will explore cubism and create our own Picasso-inspired self-portraits.

In Design and Technology, we will be creating a small piece of cross stitch needle work onto square placemats.

We will focus on pulse and rhythm in our Music lessons and compose a piece of music which is inspired by the sounds of the rainforest.

PSHCE

Through our Geography topic we will consider why it is important to protect the environment and respect the customs and beliefs of other cultures.

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 plants, light, the Mayans and the Tropical Rainforest.

History

In the Summer term we will be learning about the Mayans. We will explore the Mayan lifestyle, religious beliefs and customs as well as where this ancient civilisation existed.

Science

In Science we will learn about how plants create their own food through photosynthesis. We will investigate how the amount of water a plant gets can affect its growth.

In our second topic, we will learn about light and how shadows are made. We will investigate how light travels through various materials.