

Religious Education

In our Easter topic we will explore how Jesus appeared to the disciples to encourage them and learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Communion, ready for our First Holy Communion. 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

We will begin with our work on fractions. Looking at comparing, adding/subtraction and finding equivalent fractions. We will be exploring adding and subtracting with money. Using our comprehension to understand word problems. Finally, we will look at measurements as well as finding the area and perimeter of shapes. Children will also be given the opportunity to apply their skills through problem solving and reasoning activities.

Geography

We will investigate climate change and the effects on the rainforest. Next, we will study the different modes of transport in the UK and how they are used. Finally, we will finish with exploring the features of Europe. (countries, rivers, mountains). Increasing our knowledge of European countries.

Children wondered:

- Why are rain-forest 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 also do persuasive writing, through the book called 'The Great Kapok Tree'. Researching the rain-forest and writing a persuasive piece. We will use emotive vocabulary and sentence starters to persuade. We will also be reading and looking more into the book 'Charlotte's Web'. We will continue to revise key grammatical terminology.

Computing

In computer science, we will be learning about the fundamentals of program design with a block based programming language. They will plan and create events based programs, learning how to control actors using the keyboard. In Digital literacy we will continue to learn about online safety.

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Science

Firstly, we will be continuing with our topic on Animals including humans. Looking at the digest system, and how muscles work. As well as, the human skeleton. In our second topic, we will dissect flowers to examine each part and its function. We will investigate how the amount of water a plant gets can affect its growth. We will learn about different types of pollination.

P.E

We will continue with our Cricket lessons with a specialist coach and then after half term we will develop our tennis skills. For our indoor PE, we will also be continuing to develop our badminton skills.

Art, DT & Music

This term, we will be working on a music composition project created by the Magnard Ensemble and Barnes Music Festival. They will be listening to Roald-Dahl themed music and creating their own interpretative responses. Students will play and perform together as an ensemble, use their voices and instruments and develop a deep understanding of instruments in the orchestra and history of music.

Linking to our learning about Rainforests and Mayan civilization topics this term, We will learn how Henri Rousseau painted jungles and rain-forests to create a collaborative jungle scene. We will then design and make masks for our own rain god inspired by ancient Mayan masks.

History

In the Summer term we will be learning about the Mayans. We will explore the Mayan lifestyle, religious beliefs and customs.

We will learn about when and where this ancient civilisation existed. We will work to understand how archaeologists discovered the Mayans.

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 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 the difference between feelings and actions and what we can do to help ourselves stay emotionally healthy. We will identify unacceptable behaviours and learn to build resilience against negative feelings. We will learn that God created us to follow the cycle of life and He loves us at every stage. We will also learn about the specifics of the human life cycle and celebrate how we have already changed and grown.

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 every day.
- Practise handwriting at home.
- Carry out research on our topic areas of plants, light, the Mayans and the Tropical Rainforest.