Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter
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RE

In RE, we will learn about God's promises of salvation with an emphasis on key women of the bible including Mary, Sarah, Miriam and Esther. We will also compare two accounts of the birth of Jesus.

Key information

Class teacher – Mrs Dempsey

Teaching assistant(s) – Mrs Whitmore & Miss Deegan

PE day - Tuesday

SCIENCE

As Scientists, we will be investigating how electricity works. This topic focuses on how series circuits work, how components change based on voltage and how to draw circuits using standard scientific symbols.

HRSE

In HRSE, we will learn about the effects of harmful substances in our drugs talk. Our local PCSO will visit school on 23rd November to educate children on the dangers of both legal and illegal drugs.

ENGLISH

As writers, we will begin our second Reading to Writing journey focussing on monologues. We will also study the poem 'In Flanders Fields' in time for Remembrance Day. As readers, we will undertake twice-weekly VIPERS sessions to develop both fluency and comprehension. A love of reading will be promoted through weekly 'Reading for pleasure' time as well as the enjoyment of our class text 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. Oracy skills will be developed across the curriculum and as part of our class assembly on 11th November.

GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

As Historians, we will be studying the Tudor period and in particular, Tudor monarchs. We will learn about how the dynasty rose to power and the key characters that took to the throne. Finally, we will learn about the events leading up to the English Reformation.

Design technology

As designers, we will be exploring how mechanisms create movement. We will then use this knowledge to design and make a Christmas product that uses movement or sound to entertain or decorate.

MATHS

As mathematicians, we will strengthen our knowledge of calculations, focussing on multiplying and dividing by two digit numbers. We will also begin work on addition and subtraction of fractions. In shape and space, we will look at drawing and translating shapes on a coordinate grid.

Weekly arithmetic tests and daily times table revision will continue to take place to reinforce prior learning.

PE

As Sportspeople, we will be focussing on gymnastics and netball. Our skills focus will be counterbalance and tension in gym and applying attacking and defensive principles in netball.

MUSIC/MFL

As musicians, we will focus on performing solos and ensembles using voice and instruments, supported by Miss Mallinson.

As linguists, we will give our opinions on school subjects, supported by our Spanish teacher Miss Whitmore.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

ASPIRATIONS - We will look at the job of a magistrate and a curator

OPPORTUNITES - We will visit The Grand Theatre to watch The Children's Bookshow Live and take a trip to the cinema to see 'Kangaroo'.

COMMUNITY - Our annual visit from Park School Brass Band will kick-start our festive celebrations. Our choir will also entertain our families and parishioners at our 'Choir and Coffee' event in the last week of term.

COMPUTING

In computing, we will be introduced to creating websites for a chosen purpose. We will start by identifying what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate our own website.