



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

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RE

In RE, we will see the children continuing their journey with the newly implemented RE curriculum which will be the first in year 4. The first half term will look at the unit 'Creation and Covenant' which will focus on the book of Genesis.

As well as this, the children will partake in daily prayer and liturgy, which will vary from whole school to class worships with Father David and those in the classroom.

SCIENCE

As Scientists, we will go on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside our body. We will follow a tasty morsel as it makes its way through the digestive system. The children will carry out a range of investigations based on this and will also look closely at teeth.

Key information

Class teacher – Miss Hansell

Teaching assistant(s) – Mrs Bibby

PE days – Wednesday and Thursday

HRSE

In HRSE, we will be recapping the zones of regulation and focusing on emotions. As well as this, we will use October to celebrate Black History.

ENGLISH

As writers, we will continue with the reading into writing journey which will allow them to immerse themselves into a variety of high-quality texts linked to the genre of which they are focusing on. We will begin our learning undertaking a sequence of lessons known as 'Place Value for Punctuation' which will allow us to focus on the punctuation and grammatical structures within a sentence. At the end of this learning, we will write a set of instructions. In addition to this, we will perform a Remembrance Day poem as part of National Poetry Day on the 1st October.

As readers, we will partake in a twice weekly fluency and comprehension sessions. As well as this, we will enjoy a weekly class read. If we feel your child requires extra support, an additional book that is tailored to their needs will be sent home along with a reading record.

HISTORY

As Historians, we will travel back thousands of years to learn about the Roman Empire. They will begin to understand how powerful the Roman army were and when and why the Romans invaded Britain. They will also use the historical skills to order key events in chronological order. They will finish by understanding how the Romans impacted us in today's society.

ART

As artists, we will be looking at the work of Maurits Cornelius Escher and using this as inspiration to create

MATHS

As mathematicians, we will continue using the NCETM (National Centre of Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics) to support our teaching of Maths. The children will cover counting, ordering, partitioning and calculating numbers up to and including four digits. They will continue to develop and reinforce the methods learnt in year 3.

PE

As Sportspeople, we will have a PE session on Wednesday afternoon with our school PE coaches Mrs Kelsh-Ridge and Mrs Salt as well as the swimming slot every

our own piece of work. We will look at using cross hatching to show tone, texture and depth and tessellation techniques.

including column addition and column subtraction. They will revise and learn their times tables and will continue to complete daily multiplication tests. It is **essential** that your child masters his/her times tables before entering upper school to enable them to continue to grasp mathematical concepts. Later in the year, the children will undertake a government statutory times tables test so encouragement with this skill at home would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday. Over the next term, they will take part in gymnastics which will focus on looking at partner work - pushing and pulling.

MUSIC/MFL

As musicians, we will be working with Miss Mallinson on a range of singing, listening, performing and composing activities.

As linguist, we will work on improving their Spanish speaking and listening skills. We will be learning the months of the year, how to say when our birthday is and learning to sing 'Happy Birthday'.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

ASPIRATIONS, we will look at the job of a dentist as part of our science unit.

OPPORTUNITES, we will visit Ribchester Museum - date to be confirmed.

COMMUNITY, we will be raising money for Mary's Meals.

COMPUTING

In computing, we will begin our journey looking at and understanding how the internet works. They will apply their knowledge and understanding of networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. This will be followed with looking at creating media, more specifically through audio production.