



Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter
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RE

In RE, we will explore how God created our beautiful world, look at how the choices we make can damage our relationships and discover how God heals that connection through His New Covenant in 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 light travels and how and why shadows are created. We will use this learning to make our own periscopes, using our scientific knowledge to explain how it works.

HRSE

In HRSE, we will be learning all about human rights and individuals who have fought for justice. This will link to our work on Black History month. Pupils will also consider what stereotyping is and how this may present itself in our lives.

ENGLISH

As writers, we will begin with our 'The Place Value of Punctuation' unit focussing on understanding sentence structure and the grammatical terminology associated with the formation of sentences. Our learning will then be applied to instruction writing focussing on adapting language and tone for our audience. 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 National Poetry Day on October 1st.

GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

As Geographers, we will be studying rainforest and desert biomes, locating the world's major rainforests and deserts. We will look at climates in these regions and identify the different layers of the rainforest. We will also look at how humans and plants survive in these environments and the role we can play in conservation.

ART

As artists we will be applying the principles of one-point perspective to create realistic 3D forms on a flat surface. This will link to 'The Last Supper' by Leonardo Da Vinci.

MATHS

As mathematicians, we will begin by recapping place value and number sense to secure our understanding of numbers to ten million. This includes ordering, comparing and rounding numbers and well as identifying the value of digits. We will develop knowledge of shape and space by learning how to draw and measure shapes using rulers and protractors. We will also look at a different arithmetic focus each week and link this to SATs style questions.

PE

As Sportspeople, we will be focussing on counter balance and tension in gymnastics and developing game understanding in Tag Rugby.

MUSIC/MFL

As musicians, we will focus on performing solos and ensembles using voice and instruments.
As linguists, we will develop our Spanish skills based on the

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

ASPIRATIONS, we will look at the job of ecologists and a poets
OPPORTUNITES, we will visit Ladyewell Shrine to take part in a prayerful reflection. We will also take part in Stanley Park's Centenary celebrations.

COMPUTING

In computing, we will focus on communication and collaboration and how information is transferred and shared across the internet.

world around us, specifically names and places in the local town.

COMMUNITY, we will take part in a litter pick with Year 5. We will also be having a non-uniform day to fundraise for Mary's Meals.