Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter
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RE

In RE, we will look at the unit 'Prophecy and Promise' which will take us to the events of Christmas. The children will explore Old Testament Prophets, including Elijah, before the preparation for the arrival of Jesus.
As well as this, the children will partake in daily prayer and liturgy before enjoying our daily Jesse Tree readings at the beginning of Advent.

Key information

Rockstar hair day – 6th November
Parents' evening – 16th November
Year 3/4 cinema trip – 18th November

Christmas Fair – 3rd December

Pantomime visit – 8th December

SCIENCE

As Scientists, the children will become mini electricians. They will construct simple series circuits, trying different components; bulbs, buzzers and motors, and including switches, and use their circuits to create simple devices. The children will be asked to draw their circuits as a pictorial representation.

HRSE

In HRSE, pupils will explore the miraculous nature of human conception and birth. With the underpinning knowledge that we were handmade by God with our parents' help, children will go on a journey to discover how life is created in the womb

ENGLISH

As writers, we will be following our reading to writing journey to create adverts. The hot write will see the children produce their own Christmas themed advert based on their favourite toy. Before this journey, we will explore the Poem 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon.

As readers, we will continue to partake in a twice weekly fluency and comprehension sessions using VIPERS. As well as this, we will continue to enjoy our weekly class read 'Breakfast Club Investigators by Marcus Rashford.

Geography

As geographers, we will delve into the Earth's layers and begin to understand how volcanoes and earthquakes occur. They will use maps to locate volcanic and earthquake prone areas in the world and be able to discuss the impact that these natural disasters have on a place.

Design Technology

As designers, we will be looking at how mechanisms work. The children

MATHS

As mathematicians, we will be looking at rounding 4 digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 as well as using formal methods to solve addition

PE

As Sportspeople, we will look at skills and techniques in basketball.

will use a variety of techniques to create a Christmas inspired pop up card.	and subtraction problems. We will explore finding the perimeter of a variety of 2d shapes and continue to reinforce our times tables knowledge. This half term we will identify patterns and links between the 3, 6 and 9 times tables.	
MUSIC/MFL As musicians, we will focus this half term on learning, singing and performing Christmas songs. As linguist, we will continue to use songs, games and speaking and listening activities to enhance our Spanish skills. **We will look at naming a variety of classroom objects.**	WIDER OPPORTUNITIES ASPIRATIONS, we will look at the role of a volcanologist in our geography lessons. OPPORTUNITES, we will enjoy a trip to the cinema on the 18th November. COMMUNITY, we invite Park Community School musicians to perform for us.	COMPUTING In computing, we will look at audio production. The children will identify the input device (microphone) and output devices (speaker or headphones) required to work with sound digitally. Learners will discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others. In order to record audio themselves, learners will use Audacity to produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks, and opening and saving the audio files.