Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter
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RE

In our first topic,' Creation and Covenant', we will make links between the Ten Commandments and Jesus' summary of the law in Matthew's Gospel. Pupils will consider and reflect on what makes us truly happy and what it means to 'grow in virtue' and to be better neighbours.



HRSE

Our learning this half term will explore the joy and challenge of and the giving and receiving in relationships.
Learning about the value of sharing and showing respect and care for others. Children will also consider where and how to seek

Wider curriculum

In Spanish lessons our focus is 'The world around us' and we will focus on modes of transport this half term. Miss Mallinson will be supporting pupils in their musical education, focusing on performing in ensemble for our class mass. In computing lessons we will develop our understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices.

Key information

Class teacher – Miss Whitmore
Teaching assistant – Mrs Knight
PE days – Wednesday and Friday

English

The first four weeks of English lessons will focus on understanding sentence structure and the grammatical terminology associated with the formation of sentences. Pupils will look at different types of nouns and verbs and create grammatically correct sentences using a subject, verb and object. Following this we will begin our 'Reading to writing' journey, focusing on explanation texts. Children will study the text type, before writing their own inspired by their geography learning about the journey of Fairtrade products.

Oracy skills will be developed across the curriculum and as part of National Poetry Day on October 3nd. Reading for pleasure will continue to be a focus and we encourage pupils to bring their own reading material in to school for this.

Maths

Our two units this half term will focus on decimal fractions and money. We will focus on understanding tenths as part of a whole, representing and calculating mentally. Pupils will be describing, representing and comparing tenths as decimal numbers in different ways. Students will also be learning how to apply efficient strategies when calculating with money. Times tables will be practiced daily focusing on increasing speed and accuracy of recall. Pupils will also undertake weekly arithmetic tests to help familiarise themselves with SATs

Science

Our first Science topic focuses on properties and changes of materials. Pupils will be identifying materials based on their physical properties and developing their understanding of separation and dissolving. Students will learn about chemical reactions and why some changes or reversible

Geography

This half term we will be learning about trade links, exploring both imported and locally produced products. Pupils will be using atlases and map work to locate countries, linking to product origination and considering reasons for major trade. We will explore the effects of climate and globalisation whilst understanding trading changes throughout history. Pupils will also understand the Fairtrade logo and it's principles.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on gymnastics and netball. In gymnastics, students will be refining their rolls and travels and sequencing then with their group performances

Check out seesaw for photos and work from throughout this first half term. Contact the school office if you require a new login.