



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

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RE

In RE lessons, we will be learning about some of the promises God made and how they are relevant to us today in our first topic 'Creation and Covenant'. Pupils will think about what the words 'sin' and 'virtue' means and how they can be a good neighbour.



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.



Wider curriculum

In Spanish lessons our focus is 'The world around us' and naming local places of interest. Miss Mallinson will be supporting pupils in their musical education, focusing on performing solos and ensembles using voice and instruments. In computing lessons we will learn about computing systems and how we use them to communicate.

Key information

Class teacher – Mrs Dempsey
Teaching assistants – Mrs Whitmore & Miss Deegan
PE days – Tuesdays and Fridays



English



The first four weeks of English lessons will focus on understanding sentence structure and the grammatical terminology associated with the formation of sentences. They will look at different types of nouns and verbs and create grammatically correct sentences using a subject, verb and object. Our 'Reading to writing' journey will follow focusing on the genre of biographies. Children will study this text type in detail before drafting their own biography on a significant person of their choice.

Oracy skills will be developed across the curriculum and as part of National Poetry Day on October 2nd. 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

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. Pupils will develop their knowledge of shape and space by learning how to draw and measure shapes using rulers and protractors. 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 style questions.

Science



Our first Science topic is Light. 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.

Geography



This half term we will be studying rainforest and desert biomes for our Geography topic. Pupils will be completing map work locating the world's major rainforests and deserts. They will look at climates in these regions be able to identify the different layers of the rainforest. We will also look at how humans and plants survive in these environments. Finally, pupils will consider the impact of deforestation and the role we can play in conservation.

PE

Mrs Salt and Mrs Kelsh-Ridge will be teaching gymnastics focusing on sequencing and Tag rugby looking at the fundamentals of the game including use of space and defensive formations.



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