



Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter
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RE

In RE lessons we will be reflecting on the meaning of 'Justice' and how God calls us to work for a fair and equal world. We will work on our understanding of bible scripture relating to justice. Pupils will continue to plan and lead prayer and liturgy.



Key information

Class teacher – Mrs Dempsey
Teaching assistants – Mrs Knight and Miss Deegan
PE days – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

English

Our 'Reading to writing' journey will begin with focusing on writing monologues from the viewpoint of Frida Kahlo. Grammar skills will be taught as part of our writing journey as well as in small group sessions. Guided Reading will continue to take place weekly and children will be supported in developing their comprehension skills as well as their reading fluency. Our class text this half term is 'The Boy At The Back of the Class' and a copy of this will be sent home for your child to read as part of their homework.

Spellings will be set weekly for pupils to learn at home and they will also be reviewed regularly in class. Speaking and listening skills will be developed across the curriculum and as part of National Poetry Day on October 3rd. 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 focusing on calculating using knowledge of structures. This will cover objectives such as representing parts and wholes, finding missing values and balancing equations. We will also look at reading and writing numbers and representing how they can be composed. Times tables will be taught 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.

HRSE and PSHE

We will link our HRSE to the learning taking place in RE, discussing justice with regards to human rights.

In PSHE we will think about respectful relationships, both in person and online.



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.

MEXICO Topic

Our first topic is 'Hola Mexico!' We will be learning about the famous Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and using her work as inspiration for our own self-portraits. We will look at the geography of the country and compare it to our own. As we come to the end of the half term we will learn about Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and create our own calavera skull designs. Finally, pupils will discover and play the Mayan ball game Pok-a-tok.

PE

Mrs Salt and Mrs Kelsh-Ridge will be teaching Gymnastics and Tag Rugby. Skills covered will include balance and tension in gym and sending and receiving under pressure in rugby.

