



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

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RE

In this topic, pupils will explore the 'new law' given by Jesus, and the transfiguration. Pupils will also look at how Jesus shows the love of neighbour in action through his parables and the Our Father as the perfect prayer and summary of the whole gospel.



HRSE

During this half term we will explore internet safety day.

We will continue to learn about the value of sharing and showing respect and care for others. Children will also consider where and how to seek support, including whom in school they should speak to if they are worried about themselves or someone else.



Wider curriculum

In Spanish, our theme is Self, Family and Friends. Children will learn the names of less obvious body parts and practise expressing where they feel pain. 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 video production and creating media.

Key information

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

English

This term in English, Year 5 pupils will be learning how writers use dialogue to reveal character. Children will explore how speech can show a character's personality, emotions and relationships, rather than simply move the story along. They will learn to choose words carefully, use punctuation accurately, and add reporting clauses and action to make conversations more engaging and realistic. By the end of the unit, pupils will be able to write dialogue that helps the reader understand characters more deeply and brings their stories to life.

Oracy skills will be developed across the curriculum and as part of our poetry focus this term being free verse and personification (linked to our history learning). 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 units this half term will focus on will be developing their understanding of area, scaling and decimal fractions. Children will learn how to calculate the area of shapes and understand how scaling affects size and measurement. They will also work with decimal fractions, learning how to read, write, compare and calculate with decimals. Pupils will apply these skills to problem-solving activities, helping them build confidence and accuracy when working with real-life mathematical situations. We will continue with times tables practice and daily Mastering Number sessions.



Science

In Science this term, Year 5 will be learning about space. We will focus on Earth and the Solar System, teaching pupils to describe the movements of Earth, Moon, and planets relative to the Sun, explaining day/night cycles through Earth's rotation, and understanding the Sun, Earth, and Moon as spherical bodies.

History

This term Year 5 will be learning about the Ancient Greeks and their influence on the modern world. Pupils will explore key aspects of Greek life, including daily life, beliefs, democracy, education and culture. They will learn about important Greek city-states such as Athens and Sparta, significant events, and influential figures from the period. Children will also consider the lasting legacy of Ancient Greece and how it has shaped life today.



PE

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on health and fitness and football. In health and fitness, we will experience the changes in our body as we exercise, how to conserve our energy and cool down effectively.



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