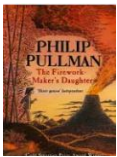


English

We will inspire the children's writing skills by looking at the beautiful book; 'Where the Poppies Now Grow.' We will then write a flash back from the perspective of one of the characters. We will then learn about chronological reports based on the book The Dragon Slayer. As we approach Christmas, we will have fun writing a job application for the role of an elf! Children will focus on understanding and using adverbs, conjunctions, commas, verb tenses, subordinate clauses, capital letters, full stops, question and exclamation marks.

Handwriting will be taught discreetly and practised regularly. We love listening to stories in our class and this half term our whole class reader is The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman



Science

In Autumn 2, our science topic is Animals, Including Humans. We will learn to describe the basic functions of the digestive system in humans, identify the different types of teeth and their functions and construct a variety of food chains.

Computing

We will be learning about coding this half term using Scratch. We will be writing some simple programmes and can't wait to see what we can do. As always, we will also be thinking about on-line safety.

Geography

Europe – Is Europe the same all over? We will be learning about the countries in Europe and the different physical features and environments in Europe.

D&T

Children will design and make a 'pavilion' structure that is aesthetically pleasing and will support weight.

Year 4

Autumn 1-Mrs Chesworth

Maths

This half term the children will be learning about:

- column addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers.
- Perimeter
- 3-, 6- and 9-times tables

. By the end of year 4 children will need to know all their times tables to 12 x 12. We will teach these in school and if parents can reinforce this learning at home too, through TT Rockstars, that would be really beneficial.

Our Year 4 Mission: This half term's mission, linked to Catholic Social Teaching, is **helping the poor and vulnerable**. With God at the heart of all we do, the children will learn about treating others with dignity and help raise awareness around respecting and thinking of others' needs. They will plan and take part in Cafod's World Gifts initiative, raising money to transform the lives of people living in poverty. Through this work, the children will learn the importance of working together, showing God's love in action and helping to make the world a fairer place.

AUTUMN 2 Prophecy & Promise

Religion

Children will know what a prophet is, drawing on their understanding of Elijah and John the Baptist and we will learn about the cultural and religious context of Elijah's time. We will also make links with the words of Isaiah, the preaching of John the Baptist and develop our understanding about how John the Baptist inspires us today. We will learn about how Advent is important to us and how we can understand it through the words of Isaiah and John the Baptist. We will celebrate the feast of Christ the King and understand that it marks the end of the Church's year. Alongside this, the children will also make links with the Jesse tree and the ancestry of Jesus.

PE

This half term Mr. Bishop will be teaching the children 'Dance' on a Tuesday where they will develop their own 1960's inspired dance using changes in relationships. The children will continue to go swimming on a Thursday.

Where is God in our Learning?

In Year 4, God is at the heart of everything we do, and each subject offers an opportunity to see His presence more clearly. In **Religion**, God teaches us to care for everyone, especially those in need and the prophets remind us to listen to God's messages and prepare our hearts for Jesus, especially as we get ready for His coming at Advent. In **Geography**, we explore God's world which helps us appreciate the beauty and variety of His creation across different countries and environments. In **D&T**, God inspires us to use our creativity and problem-solving skills to design and build, just as He is the ultimate Creator. In **Science**, through our topic of 'Animals including Humans, we can see God's amazing design in the way our bodies and all living creatures are made and work together. In **Spanish**, as we learn a new language, we celebrate the wonderful variety of people and cultures God has made and find new ways to share his love. In **English**, as we learn to write well, we will think about peace and how God wants us to love and care for one another, even in difficult times. We will reflect on God's desire for us to use words wisely and to write about courage, goodness and truth. We remember that God has given each of us special gifts and talents to use for good. In **Maths**, God is a God of order and pattern and so through working carefully with numbers, we discover His sense of logic and balance.

Music

Body and tuned percussion (Theme: Rainforests)

A topic of discovery; children will explore the rainforest through music and be introduced to new musical terms. They will also use a mixture of body percussion and tuned percussion instruments as the children create their own rhythms of the rainforest, layer by layer.

Spanish

We are very excited to begin our journey learning Spanish. The children will learn simple greetings, pleasantries and commands.