

English In writing, we will be creating a biographical speech about a famous person from the past, which the children will perform as part of our Lenten Fundraiser (date to follow). Later in the term, we will write an eyewitness account of the Easter story. Handwriting, grammar and spelling will be taught regularly throughout the term. We will also continue our daily Reading Skills lessons, developing literal, deductive and inferential questioning. Please continue to encourage regular reading at home to build fluency and understanding. Year 5 will be reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell.

Maths We will be learning about **volume**, including calculating and comparing the volume of shapes. We will explore multiplication strategies, focusing on the **commutative and associative laws** to deepen understanding and improve fluency. The children will also investigate **prime numbers**, identifying prime and composite numbers and explain their reasoning. Please ensure your child practices their tables regularly.

Spanish Year 5 will continue to enjoy Spanish lessons with Snr. Lopez, our Foreign Language assistant, each Wednesday. They will work on building confidence and learning new vocabulary through songs and games.

Art In this topic the children will be looking at sculpture, specifically Interactive Installation. We will investigate the effect of space and scale when creating 3D artwork and plan and create an installation that communicates an idea.

Where is God in Our Learning? Throughout this half term, we will reflect on how God is present in all areas of our learning. In RE, as we journey from Desert to Garden, we will think about how God calls us to repentance, growth and new life during Lent. In English, through our biographical speeches and Easter writing, we will consider how courage, sacrifice and hope are reflected in people's lives and in the Easter story. In Science, as we study Earth and Space, we will reflect on the wonder and order of creation. In Geography, when learning about North and Central America, we will recognise the diversity of God's world and the dignity of all people. In Computing, we will use our creativity responsibly, remembering that our gifts and talents can be used for good. In Maths, we will appreciate the logic and patterns within creation. Through PE, we will value our health and bodies as gifts from God, striving to grow in perseverance and teamwork.

Music. As well as preparing for Eastertide, our music lessons will focus the festival of Holi. Children will create a vocal composition in response to a picture and justify their choices using musical terms.

Science

In our science topic, *Earth and Space*, we will be learning about the movement of the Earth and other planets in relation to the Sun, and the movement of the Moon in relation to the Earth. They will explore how day and night occur, understand that the Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical bodies, and learn about the Earth's rotation and how this links to time and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.

Geography we will be studying **North and Central America**. The children will develop their locational knowledge by identifying countries, major cities and key physical features, including rivers, mountains and climate zones. They will explore human and physical geography, comparing regions and considering how climate, trade and natural resources influence how people live. Pupils will also use maps, atlases and digital mapping to strengthen their geographical skills.

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Our Stewardship Mission - This half-term, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is **Human Dignity** and **Rights and Responsibilities**, linked to our mission statement, "*Living our Faith, Learning in Love.*" We will remind the children that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and therefore deserves love, respect and kindness. They will reflect on treating others equally, valuing everyone's uniqueness and showing care for those who are most vulnerable. The children will also learn that everyone has basic rights, such as food, shelter and education, and that we all have a responsibility to care for one another. Through our school values, we will continue to encourage kindness, fairness and responsibility, helping the children understand how they can make a positive difference in our community and the wider world.

Computing Children will be learning to program and control **micro:bits** as part of the Kapow unit. They will design, write and debug simple programs using sequences, selection and repetition, and apply these to create practical projects such as step counters or reaction games. Pupils will develop their understanding of algorithms, inputs and outputs, and learn how hardware and software work together.

Religion Our topic is **Desert to Garden**. The children will explore the season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, and understand it as a time when Christians reflect on their sins, seek forgiveness and listen to God's call to change their hearts. They will learn about Jesus' forty days in the desert and the events of Holy Week and Easter, exploring themes of sacrifice, repentance, hope and new life, and what these mean for Christians today. In the week prior to Holy Week, we will perform the Stations of the Cross and get ready to celebrate the joy of the Easter season. Our **Waxworks Museum** will form part of our fundraising for Lenten charities (**more details to follow**).

PE Lessons will take place on Mondays, when the coach will be teaching Netball. On Fridays, the children will focus on developing their strength and flexibility.

PSHE Year 5 will be studying **Safety** and will explore personal safety, including online safety, boundaries and trusted adults, helping them to make informed and responsible choices as they grow.