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| Curriculum areas | In RE children will be completing 3 topics this term, Journeys, Listening <br> and Sharing and Giving. In journeys we will look at the Christian family's <br> journey with Jesus through the Church's year. In Listening and Sharing we <br> will study the liturgy of the eucharist, where we can listen to the Word of <br> God and share in Holy Communion. In Giving we will look how people can give <br> of themselves during Lent in the preparation for Easter. We also remember <br> the total giving of Jesus. <br> Children will also be leading their own collective worships as part of small <br> groups. |
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| In Literacy we will be studying the book 'The Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. |  |
| This links to our history unit on the Mayan Civilisation. In this unit, children |  |
| will explore the themes of the story on deforestation and sustainability. |  |
| They will write a persuasive letter in the role as an animal to a man, and plan |  |
| and write a dilemma story linked to the themes of the book. They will also |  |
| retrieve information from a non-fiction text, and plan and write a non- |  |
| chronological report on the rainforest. In grammar, children will learn how |  |
| to punctuate direct speech accurately and use fronted adverbials |  |
| effectively. |  |
| Throughout, there will be a clear focus on proof-reading our writing- |  |
| making sure it always makes sense and that it is accurately punctuated |  |
| using capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. |  |
| Another target we are working on is to improve the presentation of our |  |
| writing, maintaining a consistent size and joining our handwriting cursively. |  |
| In our spelling sessions, the spelling patterns and themes we will cover are: |  |
| Words ending in -ture |  |
| Adding -ation to verbs to form nouns |  |
| - Words with the c sound spelt ch |  |

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|  | same denominator and solve problems involving increasingly harder fractions to calculate quantities and fractions to divide quantities. <br> Time: Children will recap how to tell and write the time to the nearest minute from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII and 12 -hour and 24-hour clocks. They will convert time between analogue and digital 12- and 24-hour clocks. They will also solve problems involving converting from hours to minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months and weeks to days. |
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| Topic | Our topic this term is a history unit on The Mayan Civilisation. The key questions for our lessons will be: <br> - Where and when were the Mayan remains discovered? <br> - How did the Mayan civilisation develop over time? <br> - How was Mayan society organised? How does that compare with our society today? <br> - What did the Mayans believe and how did this affect their life? <br> - What was daily life like for the Maya? <br> - What writing and number systems did the Mayans use and how do we know about them? <br> - What happened to the Maya? |
| Science | Our Science topic this half term is all about Classification and Ecology. Children will learn: <br> - That we can classify plants and animals in different ways. <br> - That a vertebrate is an animal with a backbone, and an invertebrate is an animal without a backbone. <br> - What an amphibian, reptile, bird, mammal, insect, arachnid, and mollusc is and give details. <br> - The difference between a flowering and non-flowering plants. <br> - That all living things depend on their habitats. <br> - That living things are linked within a food chain and be able to explain what the role of the producer, consumer and decomposer is. <br> - That living things depend on each other in an ecosystem. <br> - That air pollution is a human threat to the environment and suggest ways we can be sustainable and help protect it. |
| How you can help at <br> - Book change days a <br> - Please encourage you progression and cons home at least $3 / 4$ ti school diaries noting often ask them to de reading! <br> - Homework: <br> Wednesday- MyMat Thursday- 99 club Friday- additional Lit <br> - The times table rota keep this safe and be these are Wednesday practice their times expectations which is | me: <br> Monday and Thursdays, and their reading progress is monitored closely. child to read as much as possible as this will aid their reading and writing lidate their enjoyment of reading. Children should be reading their books at es a week and each time they read with an adult, please log this in their which page they have read up to. When we change books, note that we do cribe the book to us to make sure that they are understanding what they are <br> s is set weekly (and times table test as per rota) <br> est in school. <br> eracy homework set weekly. <br> s set to test times table knowledge. This went out before Christmas. Please aware when each test is, taking the time to practice! The test days for <br> . Please allocate time for your child to log into TTRockstars regularly to ables. Testing is aimed to prepare children to meet their end of year to be able to recite their 3,4 and $8 x$ tables by the end of Year 3 , and all |

times tables up to $12 \times 12$ by the end of year 4 . Please note that in the summer term of Year 4, children will sit a Multiplication Check on all multiplication facts up to $12 \times 12$.

- PE days are Wednesdays which is swimming.
- After discussions at parents evening on spellings about how to help at home, some parents have asked us to direct them to spellings they could work on. At the bottom of this letter, we have included the Year $1 / 2$ statutory spelling list and the Year $3 / 4$ spelling list that all children should learn by the time they reach the end of Year 2/4. We would greatly appreciate any support with these spellings, particularly focussing on any gaps your child has with the Year $1 / 2$ list as for some of us these are still a target we are working on. We appreciate your support.
- If you are not yet following our Class 3 Twitter account, please follow us. It is called @class3stccps


## Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

| Year 1 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| the | they | one |  |
| to | be | once |  |
| a | he | ask |  |
| do | ha |  |  |
| to | me | friend |  |
| today | she | school |  |
| of | we | put |  |
| said | no | push |  |
| says | go | pull |  |
| are | so | full |  |
| were | by | house |  |
| was | my | our |  |
| is | here |  |  |
| his | there |  |  |
| has | where |  |  |
| I | love |  |  |
| you | come |  |  |
| your | some |  |  |
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## door <br> floor <br> poor <br> because <br> find kind mind behind child children wild climb most only both old

## Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

| accident | calendar | eight | guide |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| accidentally | caught | eighth | heard |
| actual | centre | enough | heart |
| actually | century | exercise | height |
| address | certain | experience | history |
| although | circle | experiment | imagine |
| answer | complete | extreme | important |


| mention | possession | straight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| minute | possible | strange |
| natural | potatoes | strength |
| naughty | pressure | suppose |
| notice | probably | surprise |
| occasion | promise | therefore |
| occasionally | purpose | though |

