

Curriculum areas

Religious Education



In RE, we will begin our unit on Domestic Church with the focus on knowing ourselves, our talents and our uniqueness as part of God's loving family. We will learn about how each person is made in the image and likeness of God and how we can honour the unity and true dignity of all. Our scripture focuses will be: Genesis 1: 26 –28, Colossians 3: 10 -11, Colossians 3: 12-17, Philippians 4: 4-9, Hosea 11: 1-4.

God loves you and has chosen you. You are a holy people. You must be full of thoughtfulness for others, generous, gentle and patient. (Based on Colossians, 3: 12)

Literacy



This term for Book Based Literacy, we are reading "Wolf Brother", which is linked to our history topic, "Stone Age to Iron Age". We will then focus on reading and writing playscripts, followed by a unit on evaluating evidence. Later in the Advent term we will study poetry, before moving on to explanation texts. We will have Whole Class Reading lessons twice per week, where we will read together and focus on improving our skills in explaining meaning, retrieval of information, interpreting ideas and information from the text and analysing author choice. **Regular grammar and handwriting homework will be sent home, to be handed in on Wednesday mornings.**

Maths



In Maths, we continue to follow White Rose teaching methods, which review previous knowledge and cover mathematical fluency, reasoning and problem-solving in every lesson. Firstly, we will develop our knowledge of number and place value including decimal numbers, and work on our rounding skills and partitioning of numbers. We will then develop our understanding of different written methods for addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also work on our mental maths skills through times table practice, 99 Club and timed mental maths activities. **Regular maths homework will be set using the My Maths website, to be completed by each Wednesday, and we encourage children to practise their timestables as much as possible using TTRockstars.**

History



Our History Topic this term is 'Stone Age to Iron Age.' Our focus questions will be:

- What and when is meant by 'Human Prehistory'?
- What was life like for early humans in the Palaeolithic period?
- How was life different for early humans in the Mesolithic period?
- What was life like for early humans in the Neolithic period?
- What changes happened for early humans in the Bronze Age?

Science



In Science, we will be learning about Animals including humans, with a focus on:

- identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- Tooth decay
- Different parts of the digestive system
- The digestion process
- constructing and interpreting a variety of food chains
- Comparing teeth from different animals

Through all these topics the children will be developing their scientific enquiry skills and investigations.

How you can help at home:

- Please encourage your child to read regularly as this will aid their progression in every subject and consolidate their enjoyment of reading. Children should aim to read at least 4 pages of their book daily if they are in Year 4, and 5 pages of their book daily if they are in Year 5. Children will be given points on our reward chart for reading the required number of pages.
- Please encourage and help your child to practise their timestables using TTRockstars, and complete their MyMaths homework weekly. MyMaths is set on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Wednesday.
- Our PE day will be Monday. Children should come to school dressed in their St Charles PE kit.
- Please encourage and help with completion of Literacy / Grammar and Handwriting Homework, which will set be on Thursday afternoons, and be due on Wednesday mornings.
- Please read and discuss any Knowledge Organisers that are sent home with your child.
- Please follow our Class Twitter page @Class4StCharles for updates on our activities and important class notices.

Finally, a reminder that children should be ready for learning in their classroom by 8.45am. Any children arriving in the classroom after 8.50am will be marked as late according to school policy.

If you have any queries regarding this term's curriculum coverage, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us. We also welcome regular parent communication via children's home school diaries.

Kind regards,
Mrs Foster and Mrs Drummond