

Curriculum areas

Religious Education



Creation and Covenant - the children will be learning about the story of Moses and why he is such an important figure in the Bible. They will explore the key events of his call at the Burning Bush and the covenant at Mount Sinai, where God gave the Ten Commandments. The children will begin to understand what a covenant is – a special promise between God and His people – and learn about other covenants God made with Noah and Abraham. They will also reflect on how the Ten Commandments and Jesus' teaching guide Christians in living good and happy lives. Using developing specialist vocabulary, the children will discuss ideas such as sin, conscience, and virtues. Throughout this unit, they will be encouraged to think about how these teachings can be applied in everyday life to help people make good choices and treat others with kindness and respect.

Literacy



This term for Book Based Literacy, we are reading "The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess" which is linked to our History topic, "Ancient Egypt". We will then focus on reading and writing myths and stories, followed by a non-fiction unit on instruction writing. Later in the advent term we will study poetry, before moving on to persuasive writing. 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. Spellings to be learned are practised and tested within Literacy lessons, so spelling lists will not be sent home. **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 topic for this half term is 'Ancient Egypt.'

The key questions for our lessons will be:

- Can I locate Ancient Egypt in time and place?
- How did the Egyptian landscape impact on people's lives in Ancient Egypt?
- Who was Tutankhamen and how can we find out about him?
- What can we find out about Ancient Egypt from what has survived?
- What was life like for Ancient Egyptians?
- Can I describe the Ancient Egyptian's belief in life after death?
- Can I recall, select and organise historical information?

Science



In this unit about Animals Including Humans, children will expand on their previous learning how animals, including humans, need to get nutrition from what they eat. They will explore the different organs of the digestive system in humans and the functions of teeth in both humans and animals. Firstly, children will learn about the different types of teeth and the importance of good dental hygiene, before planning and carrying out an investigation into tooth decay using an egg as a model tooth. They will then learn about the parts and functions of individual organs of the human digestive system. Children will then learn more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the context of teeth, digestion and food chains. Through all these topics the children will be developing their scientific enquiry skills and investigations.

PE



Our PE day will be Wednesday. Children should come to school dressed in their St Charles PE kit.

This term the children will have PE lessons with a specialised PE coach. The key areas will be:

- Competing in football and rugby tournaments
- Gymnastics



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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.
- 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