

Dear Parents & Guardians,

PE

This term the children will be covering two different topics:

- Invasion games
- Net and wall games

We have P.E. every Thursday afternoon. Correct PE kit must always be worn. To ensure maximum lesson time, the children will change into their PE kit at school but will not get changed back into their uniform afterwards.

Computing

The children will understand what algorithms whilst creating and “debugging” simple programmes. They will learn to log on and use the school chrome books and learn the importance of being safe online.

Music—Rhythm and Pulse

This term, we have a specialised music teacher from Milton Keynes Music Service for a session every week. They will cover a range of objectives from the music curriculum.

Art

Using storybook illustration as a stimulus, children develop their mark-making to explore a wider range of tools and experiment with creating texture to add detail to drawings.

Homework

Main homework tasks include daily reading and times tables, as well as weekly spellings.

Learning logs

Learning logs will be sent home every half term. The topics for learning logs will be communicated to parents via your child.

Reading

Your child will be given a reading book. Please read some of the book with your child each day, chat about the book to check their understanding and comment in their record book. Reading books need to be brought into school each day.



'Growing Together in Faith & Love'

Curriculum Newsletter



Term: Advent 2023

St Anne Mr Williams
Class: St Theresa Mrs Ackerman

Year: 2

Literacy

This term we will:

- Write a recount in the past tense
- Identify, understand and use the features of an instruction text.
- Write a narrative from the perspective of 'The Colour Monster'
- Use the structure of "Mog's Christmas" to write a new story.

We will complete 2 pieces of Big Writing:

- Recount of Summer holidays
- A letter to Father Christmas

We will also focus on **reading comprehension** through a number of 'book studies'. These will use a range of different picture books and will develop the children's inference, deduction and prediction skills, among others.

Punctuation and Grammar

Work this term will focus on nouns, adjectives and verbs. The children will also be introduced to contractions, as well as being encouraged to use a wider range of conjunctions.

Phonics

We will continue to revisit and revise all of the phonics sounds, identifying them in words and applying to writing tasks.

Numeracy

Place Value— numbers to 100, recognising 10s and 1s, partitioning numbers, writing numbers to 100 in words, finding numbers on a number line, comparing numbers, ordering numbers, counting in 2s 5s and 10s, counting in 3s.

Addition and Subtraction— bonds to 10, fact families, bonds to 100, add and subtract 1s, add three 1 digit numbers, add to the next 10, add and subtract across 10, 10 more 10 less, add and subtract 10s, add two 2 digit numbers, subtract two 2 digit numbers, compare number sentences, missing number problems.

Shape—recognise 2D and 3D shapes, count sides and vertices on 2D shapes, draw 2D shapes, lines of symmetry, sort 2D shapes, count faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes, sort 3D shapes, make patterns with 2D and 3D shapes.

Religious Education

Beginnings

Children explore how God is present in every beginning. They will be learning about the creation story and its importance in life.

Signs and Symbols

Children will learn about the special symbols that are called 'sacraments'. We will be focusing on Baptism.

Judaism

Children will explore Shabbat.

Preparing

Children explore and learn about Advent. They will learn that Advent is a time for preparation to celebrate Jesus' first coming to earth. It also reminds people that he will come again at the end of time.

Science—Animals, including Humans

Children learn about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive and be healthy. Children classify different kinds of animal babies, learn about the basic needs that are shared by humans and animals, and research the differing needs of animals within our care. Focusing their own experiences, children explore the need for humans to eat a varied diet, to keep themselves clean, and to take regular exercise. Throughout the unit, the learning materials encourage children to make positive choices that contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Geography—Planet Earth

In this unit, the children will learn about the seven continents and the five oceans. We will identify and compare features of each continent and ocean. Children will be able to identify each ocean and continent on the world map. We will also progress to an in depth study of Kenya.

History—Bonfire Night and The Great Fire of London

In this unit, the children will explore two very different events within the Stuart period. First, the children will investigate events of the Gunpowder plot which led to Bonfire Night being introduced into the UK calendar, with opportunities for families to recount their Bonfire Night experiences. Next, they will study the Great Fire of London, and decide whether or not it improved London for those living there. They will learn to interpret evidence from the time and afterwards, examining whether the sources are reliable.