

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Letter

ENGLISH

Summer 1 - Cloud Tea Monkeys

In this unit of learning, children are exposed to a range of language activities to stimulate grammatical development and reading comprehension skills. Using the text as inspiration, the children will write a set of instructions on the art of tea tasting and a formal letter to an employer.

Then, inspired by our History topic, the children will write a non-chronological report about Ancient Egypt and a newspaper report on Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb.

Summer 2 - Jim: A Cautionary Tale

Our text in the second half of the summer term will see the children focus on poetry, preparing a range of poems to read aloud and to perform. They will also write a narrative poem based on the text.

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

History: Ancient Egypt

Children will explore the achievements of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation and, through looking at the chronology of world history, make comparisons to life in Britain. Children will learn about Ancient Egyptian writing, the significance of the River Nile, Gods, pharaohs, pyramids and tombs.

Geography: In the Desert

Children will explore what deserts are, where in the world they are located and how they are formed. They will investigate the weather and climate of deserts, how deserts are used by humans and consider the challenges faced by those who live in the desert.

FRENCH

Circle of Life

Children will learn animal names and their habitats. They will begin to build sentences to describe the food chain.



Summer Term ~ 2023



Year 3

RE

Celebrating Easter & Pentecost

This half term, the children will learn that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday. They will learn that because Jesus rose from the dead we too will rise from the dead. They will hear the story of the appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus and to Thomas. They will also hear and reflect on the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Being a Christian

After half term, they will develop their understanding of what being a Christian involves. They will reflect on the joy and challenges involved in following Jesus and learn about these through the lives of Ss. Peter and Paul. The children will reflect on their gifts and talents and the gifts the Church calls Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. They will reflect on how to use our gifts to be a Christian.

PSHCE - Living in a Wider World

Health and Wellbeing

Health Choices and habits; Feelings; Personal strength and achievements; Safety in the local environment and unfamiliar places.

PE

Summer 1 - Athletics

Summer 2 - Rounders and Tennis

ART & DT

In Art, we will be exploring the work of Seurat and finding out how, when and why the Pointillist movement began. The children will then identify some other Pointillist artists before creating their own piece of artwork in this style. In DT, the children will be investigating and analysing a range of neon signs. Using this investigation, they will then develop ideas for their own signs before designing and making these.

MUSIC

Music Specialist - Ukelele lessons

MATHS

Time

- Tell and write the time from a 12 and 24 hour clock.
- Know the number of seconds in a minute and the number of days in each month, year and leap year.
- Find and compare durations of events.

Money

- Count and convert pounds and pence.

Fractions

- Recognise equivalent fractions.
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

Shape

- Recognise and describe 2D and 3D shapes.
- Draw and compare angles.

Statistics

- Make tally charts.
- Draw pictograms, bar charts and tables.

SCIENCE

Summer 1 - Animals including humans Children will learn about the importance of nutrition and are introduced to the main body parts associated with the skeleton and muscles. We work scientifically by identifying and grouping animals with and without skeletons and observing and comparing their movement. Children will compare and contrast the diets of different animals.

Summer 2 - Forces Children will explore forces, friction and magnetism. They will observe the difference between magnetic and non-magnetic forces.

ICT - Programming

Year 3 will explore the sequence of coding in Scratch. They will learn the basics of programming, creating their own programme featuring sequences in music.

The Statements and Virtues for Collective Worship this term are:

17.4.23	I know how to help others when they are in trouble.	Confidence
24.4.23	I understand what trust means.	
1.5.23	No statement this week.	
8.5.23	I try to forgive people when they hurt me.	Trust
15.5.23	I try to accept forgiveness from others.	
22.5.23	I know how to show I am sorry.	
5.6.23	I understand the importance of peace.	Courage
12.6.23	I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others.	
19.6.23	I stand up for people who are being treated unfairly.	
26.6.23	I notice that we are the same and we are different.	Wisdom
3.7.23	I try to be accepting of others.	
10.7.23	I know that sometimes things change.	
17.7.23	I can look forward to the future.	

Suggestions for helping your child	Homework	Key Dates
<p>RE-Share the Sunday Gospel or chosen Bible verses with your child. - Encourage children to say their prayers at the beginning and end of the day.</p> <p>English- Listen to your child read every day and talk about the text with your child. - Look at the language used in different stories. - Encourage writing for real purposes e.g. shopping lists, family recipes, postcards, holiday diaries.</p> <p>Maths - Practise times tables especially 3s, 4s and 8s. Children can use TT Rockstars to help them with this. -Do quick arithmetic with your child with everyday numbers. E.g. measuring food in recipes or adding money and giving change.</p>	<p>Reading books - Reading books will be changed as necessary - please aim to hear your child read their reading books at least 3 times per week. Please also make sure their books and reading records come to school every day to read in class, and for teachers to record reading in themselves.</p> <p>English - One piece of English homework will be set each week, focusing on grammar and punctuation, or reading comprehension.</p> <p>Maths - One piece of work will be set each week focusing on the current Maths topic in class, or on consolidating previous learning.</p> <p>Children should also practise their set tables on TT Rockstars at least three times a week.</p>	<p>PE Days - Monday & Friday Class Assembly - 16th June Whole School Mass (Year 3 leading) - Thursday 18th May Pentecost Day - Thursday 25th May Training Day - Friday 26th May Corpus Christi Procession - Thursday 8th June Whole School Mass - Thursday 29th June Sports Day - Thursday 29th June Seaside Trip - Wednesday 19th July End of term Mass & Picnic - Friday 21st July</p>