

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Letter



Summer Term ~ 2023



Year 4

ENGLISH

The Jabberwocky

- Performing nonsense poetry aloud.
- Suggesting the meaning of nonsense words and creating their own.
- Creating a fantastical creature and describing it.
- Planning, drafting and editing a nonsense poem.

The Great Kapok Tree

- Using the correct punctuation to write direct speech.
- Writing a playscript.
- Writing a persuasive letter.

Tetractys Poems

- Understanding the structure of a tetractys poem.
- Writing their own tetractys poems.

Christophe's Story

- Developing understanding of conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions.
- Writing a recount.

RE

The Early Christians

- To know that Jesus made Peter Head of the Church and what this means to Christians.
- To know that the Church began at Pentecost and think about what the Holy Spirit is able to do.
- To know what happened to Stephen and Saul.
- To know about the challenges of being an apostle.
- To know about Paul's missionary journeys.
- To know about the teaching of the apostles.

Belonging to the Church

- To understand that the Church is a family.
- To understand that the Church is 'good news' for people.
- To know about the different seasons in the Church year.
- To know about the Communion of Saints and the Holy Souls.
- To know about God's call to individuals.
- To deepen our understanding of Mary.

MATHS

Decimals

- Divide 1 and 2 digits by 10 and 100.
- Make a whole using decimals.
- Write, compare, order and round decimals.

Money

- Ordering and estimating money.
- Converting pounds and pence.
- Adding and subtracting money.
- Finding change.

Time

- Telling the time to 5 minutes and then to the minute.
- Using a.m. and p.m.
- The 24-hour clock.
- The relationship between intervals of time.

Statistics

- Interpreting charts and line graphs.

Properties of Shape

- Turns and angles.
- Triangles and quadrilaterals.
- Lines of symmetry.

Position and Direction

- Drawing and describing movement on a grid.

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

History - The Mayans

We will be finishing our Mayan topic by looking at: What the Mayans believed in; what life was like for the Mayan people; looking at the Mayan number system and calendars; and finally, finding out about the decline of the Mayan civilisation.

Geography - The Rainforests

The children will be:

- Locating the rainforests on a world map
- Exploring what it is like in the rainforest.
- Defining the word 'climate' and finding out about the climate of a rainforest using graphs and charts.
- Discovering the indigenous rainforest tribes and compare their lives with life in modern society.
- Exploring how the rainforests are under threat and the actions that we can take to help save them.

PSHCE

Maintaining a balanced lifestyle

Physical and emotional changes in puberty

Medicines, household products and drugs common to everyday life

PE

Hockey

Cricket

Outdoor & adventurous activities

ART & DT

DT - Making a Mayan Temple

Art - Recycled art & animals

SCIENCE

Living Things and their Habitats

- Naming and describing different habitats.
- Observing how animals' habitats change throughout the year.
- Understanding how habitats provide for the different needs of animals.
- Classifying animals in different ways, including: vertebrates and invertebrates; mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles; cold-blooded and warm-blooded.
- Exploring the positive and negative impact humans can have on animals' habitats.

FRENCH

The weather & seasons

French food

MUSIC

Whole class ensemble - recorder

- Playing in 2/4 time signature, recognising staccato and legato.

-Composing own pieces, learning the notes high D, low F and F sharp.

ICT

Photo editing

Repetition in games

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 - Discuss with your child the role of the Pope in our Church and society. As a family, think about the different communities you belong to and encourage your child to think about the positive ways they can help. Reflect on their weekly preparation for First Holy Communion.</p> <p>English - Try to hear your child read once a day and discuss what they have read. Encourage them to use a dictionary or thesaurus to look up unfamiliar words and try to use them in conversation. Look at the language used in different stories and discuss why the author has chosen this. Encourage writing for real purposes e.g. shopping lists, family recipes, postcards, holiday diaries.</p> <p>Maths - Practise times tables especially 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. Encourage your child to look at the time at home and be aware of time in their everyday e.g. meal-times, bedtimes, routines, TV programme start and finish times. Do quick arithmetic with numbers you see e.g. on licence plates or measuring out food.</p>	<p>Reading books - Reading books will be changed as necessary. Please 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 weekly.</p> <p>Homework will be given on Friday and due on Wednesday.</p>	<p>PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays</p> <p>First Holy Communion - Saturday 13th May</p> <p>Class Assembly - Friday 19th May</p> <p>Whole School Mass - Thursday 18th May</p> <p>Pentecost Day - Thursday 25th May</p> <p>Training Day - Friday 26th May</p> <p>Corpus Christi Procession - Thursday 8th June</p> <p>Whole School Mass - Thursday 29th June</p> <p>Sports Day - Thursday 29th June</p> <p>Seaside Trip - Wednesday 19th July</p> <p>End of term Mass & Picnic - Friday 21st July</p>