



Curriculum Newsletter for St Peter's -Year 3/4
2022-2023
Half Term 5

We hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and are ready for the Summer term. It has been lovely to see some sunshine and to enjoy the beautiful spring flowers in gardens and around the local area.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Parent's Evenings and the Easter Production at the end of last term. It was lovely to see you all and we were extremely proud of the children who had worked so hard to learn lines and songs for the production.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact by email or telephone via the school office.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Hallworth, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Carshaw

Maths

Year 3

Fractions, Angles and Properties of Shape

We will be continuing the work started last half term about fractions. The children will learn about tenths. They will find fractions of a group of objects as well as learning about how fractions are numbers which can be placed on a number line. We will then look at equivalent fractions and compare different fractions. The unit will end with adding and subtracting fractions. The children will then move on to learn that angles can be acute or obtuse. They will look for right angles in shapes and in real life. We will also learn about perpendicular and parallel lines.

Year 4

Fractions, Area and Decimals

The children will work on two units about fractions. We will begin by looking at tenths and hundredths before finding equivalent fractions and comparing fractions. We will spend time simplifying fractions before learning more about adding and subtracting fractions.

We will cover a short unit about area where the children will find the area of different shapes by counting squares within the shapes.

The children will then begin a unit on decimals which will start by looking at tenths and dividing by 10.



This half-term, we will be linking our English writing with our History topic of the Industrial Revolution.

First, we will be looking at a variety of newspapers to identify the features of newspaper reports. Then, we will write our own articles on the strict everyday rules and routines of Victorian school life, as well as the **appalling working** and living conditions of the Victorian era. Then, we will write diary entries and letters from different points of view, including children working in mills and living in Victorian workhouses.

Grammar:

Through our grammar starters and English lessons, the children will learn about alliteration, the past tense, direct and indirect speech, pronouns, adverbs and time conjunctions.

Reading

Reading Comprehension skills are the focus of our teacher led guided reading sessions for this half term.

We will be focusing on a different skill each week from the 6 key skills.

V – Vocabulary

I – Inference

P – Prediction

E – Explanation

R – Retrieval

S - Summarise

Children will also read in small groups in 1:1 with Mrs Carshaw or Mrs Beckwith.

Spelling

The children will join their year group for Spelling sessions.

RE Our topic for this term for Year 4 is, 'The Early Christians'

Our learning will include:

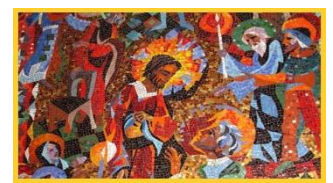
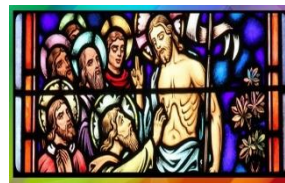
- Asking and responding to questions about how the disciples felt before and after Easter.
- Making links between Peter's three denials that he knew Jesus and John 21:15 – 17, using the source, to express a point of view.
- Asking and responding to questions about how the disciples felt before and after Pentecost.
- Describing, with increasing detail and accuracy, how the disciples changed after the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beliefs that enabled them to change.
- Suggesting ways they live out the good news making links with beliefs.
- Describing, with increasing detail and accuracy, the life and work of key figures in the history of the People of God – e.g. Stephen and / or the conversion of Saul to St Paul.



RE Our topic for Year 3 this term is "Celebrating Easter and Pentecost"

Our learning will include:

- Exploring how the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus
 - Thinking about how we can celebrate Jesus' Resurrection
 - Knowing that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday
- Knowing the stories of the appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus and to Thomas
- Thinking about what we can learn from this experience
 - Knowing that because Jesus rose from the dead, so too will we
 - Knowing that Jesus returned to His Father, in heaven (Ascension)
 - Knowing the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
 - Understanding how the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost changed the disciples
 - Reflecting on times when we need the power of the Holy Spirit
 - Celebrating a Pentecost liturgy



Creative curriculum:

History - The children will learn about life in Victorian times developing their knowledge about Victorian culture, including significant people and inventions of the time. They will find out about super strict schools by travelling back in time to a Victorian classroom, and learn that punishments were unquestionably terrible. They will then discover a time when great minds thought new thoughts and ingenious inventors created so many things that we take for granted today: the electric light bulb, the telephone and the first flushing toilet. They will also research the time when Victoria was Queen and Albert was Prince Consort, as well as comparing people who lived in slums while others prospered.

Geography - In our Interconnected World topic, the children will learn how to use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and a key to locate and plot geographical places and features on a map. They will also learn about the tropics and the countries, climates and culture of North and South America.

Science – This half term the children will be learning about another area of Physics, 'electricity'. In this unit of work the children will find out what devices and appliances use electricity. They will have the opportunity to make circuits to light a bulb. They will also be problem solvers to find out what is wrong with different circuits. The unit will also include learning about conductors and insulators and the children will use this knowledge to make a switch for a circuit.

Art/Design and Technology – The children will learn about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris. They will learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery and use them to design and make a fabric sample.



French – The children will learn to name parts of the body in order to be able to take part in role-plays where they will pretend to be at the doctor's in a French speaking country.

Music- This half term, we will listen to and appraise some different Gospel songs. The children will learn the song 'Lean on me' and will use instruments and improvisation in their performances.

PHSE- We will think about what a community is and link this to our knowledge of the Church and the Holy Trinity. The children will also take part in circle times linked to the virtues.

PE –PE with Mr Gibson will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays this half-term, **please note the change of day**. The children will be covering Kwik Cricket (striking and fielding) and Athletics.

The sessions may be inside our school hall or outside depending on the nature of the lesson and the weather. We kindly ask that children come to school dressed in their PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Home support

Spellings -Spellings will be handed out on Wednesdays and a spelling dictation will take place the following Tuesday. Scores will be sent home in your child's beige spelling book. Please help your child to learn the spelling pattern for the week.

Reading- Reading books will come home daily. Your child's book will be changed when they have completed their book. Please continue to listen to your child read and write a comment in their reading record. We are happy to hear about books being read at home, please write the name of the book and add a comment about these too. The children can still read the online books on Bug Club on Active Learn.

Times Tables- Children will also need to continue to practice their times tables. These will be tested weekly on Fridays. Children can also use TT Rock Stars to practise their times tables independently.