



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term



Please read the below information to find out what your child will be learning this half term. Please find more information on our school website under 'Key Information: Curriculum'.

English

This term, we will be reading 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl and 'Meet the Ancient Egyptians' by James Davies. We will explore a range of writing genres including character descriptions, narratives (retelling the story), writing instructions and creating a non-chronological report.

Maths

This term in Maths, we will be starting by focusing on place value by recapping our knowledge of hundreds, tens and ones. Then, we will be moving on to practise the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Science

We will begin our Science study with exploring 'Forces and Magnets'. We will take part in experiments to help us explore different forces, learn about push and pulls and investigate the effects of friction. We will also look at magnets and learn about the invisible force created between two. We will then move on to explore 'Animals including Humans', where we will explore and deepen our understanding of the human body, as well as the similarities and differences between various animals. We will learn about the basic components and functions of the human body, the life cycles of different animals, and how animals are adapted to their habitats.

Religious Education (R.E)

In RE we will be examining our Mission Statement and why it is important to our School. We will also be starting our topic 'Beginning with the Church' where we will explore the metaphor of the Church as 'The Body of Christ'.

Art and DT

To start the term, we will be producing a self-portrait in the style of an existing artist. Then we will be focusing on Rachel Jones, a contemporary British visual artist. In DT, we will be making instruments that could be used by football fans!

Humanities

In History we are learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will explore how the Ancient Egyptians lived, including their art, religion, politics, class and social structure and their legacy. We will be studying the geography of our local area with a specific focus on the Emirates stadium.

P.E

To start our PE learning journey, we are joined by the Non Stop Action coaches to develop our striking and fielding skills. Later, they will help us with our Floor Gymnastics. We are also learning Netball as our invasion sport. Tennis coaches will be continuing to develop our tennis techniques.

Computing

To begin we are revisiting how to stay safe in our online world. We will be thinking about our personal responsibilities as a digital citizen while we are online. We will be focusing on how our online behaviour affects others while we are online.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) Education

In PSHE we will be exploring identity, society and equality and celebrating differences. We will be exploring the concept of 'community' and belonging to different groups.

Music

For the first half term, we will be focusing on Black History Month, looking at particular genres influenced by black artists with a performance after half term. After this, we will be preparing for our Christmas productions, rehearsing a range of songs and practising singing collaboratively.

Spanish

We will start our Spanish lessons in the Summer term.

Reminders:

PE kit uniform: Standard white PE top, blue PE shorts (summer) or plain grey/navy blue tracksuit bottoms (winter) as well as suitable trainers.

Home reading: Please read with your child for at least 20 minutes per night and remember to sign your child's reading record to show that they have read.

Homework: Five new spellings to learn each week, and Maths and English seesaw homework set on Fridays.