



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Year 5 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

To start, we are reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo, which links to our History learning. We will continue to explore the effective use of emotive language through a series of diary entries written from the perspective of our main character throughout his life and into the early stages of WWI. Later, we will read 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin and produce a piece of non-fiction writing about the Windrush generation.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to build on our prior knowledge of place value, progressing this year to numbers up to 1,000,000. Using that as our foundation, we will begin to calculate (add, subtract, multiply and divide) using those larger numbers. We will also continue to recap and use our knowledge of times tables as we are required to draw upon that knowledge in lessons.

Science

To start us off, we will be focusing on Forces as our first topic in Science. We will explore the relationship between gravity, Earth and objects that fall because of it. Later in the term, we will be looking at Space, including the movement of the planets relative to the Sun. We will be working scientifically, taking part in experiments and developing questions on enquiry.

Religious Education (R.E)

We will explore our Mission Statement, in relation to how this impacts our thoughts, words and actions. Our first topic is 'Creation and Covenant'. We will also be exploring other faiths, including Judaism. We will delve into the Season of Advent and how Jesus' birth is represented and celebrated.

Art and DT

We are focusing on colour theory, painting and printing in Art for the first half term where we will be taken inspiration of artist Sonia Boyce. We will then be focusing on designing, making and evaluating a functioning product in DT, including creating prototypes to fit specific design criteria.

Humanities

In History, we are focusing on The Great War, drawing specific links between this topic and our English text. We will explore the causes and effect felt by WWI. In Geography, we will be doing an in-depth study of Islington and exploring how environments have changed over time, with particular reference to land use and population.

P.E

This term, we will be building on skills and knowledge from previous year groups in a range of team games. We will continue developing our understanding and expertise in Netball, as well as beginning to explore Tag Rugby, Basketball and Hockey. We will have weekly support from external coaches.

Computing

We will be covering online safety, the history of computing and 3D modelling through Purple Mash.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) Education

At first, we will be focusing on 'Stereotypes and discrimination'. After half term, we continue our learning on peer pressure as part of RSE (relationships and sex education).

Music

In the first half term, we'll focus on Black History Month, exploring genres shaped by black artists. Later, we'll prepare for Christmas productions, rehearsing songs and practising collaborative singing.

Spanish

Following on from our progress in year 3 and 4, we are recapping, colours, weather, clothes, dates, family and numbers. We are starting to apply this vocabulary knowledge in some conversational settings).

Reminders:

PE kits: standard white top, blue shorts, suitable trainers. The winter variation is plain grey or navy blue tracksuit bottoms.

Homework: Spelling and maths or writing homework is given out and due back on Fridays. Reading is expected every night for 20 minutes (if a reading record is not signed more than twice in a week or does not complete their homework they will attend homework club).