



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Year 4 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 are focused on *Escape from Pompeii*, which links to our History learning about the Romans, and *The Witches* by Roald Dahl. We will be writing a diary entry, biography and a narrative retell. In Reading, we are recapping the main skills (retrieval, prediction and inference) using texts from those books. We will be revisiting the correct way to join letters, looking in particular at ascenders.

Maths

To kick off the term, we are recapping our number learning from Year 3 (for example, Place Value and Addition and Subtraction, with a focus on formal methods). We are starting to look at the symmetry of numbers either side of zero (negative numbers). In preparation for the multiplication check, we are recapping all times tables up to 12x12. Later, we will be exploring equivalent fractions and angles.

Science

In Autumn, we are starting with living things (including humans!). We are investigating how to identify, classify and compare groups of animals within that (for example, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish). Following this, we will move onto 'States of Matter' (solids, liquids and gasses). Children will observe changes and explain some processes.

Religious Education (R.E.)

Our topic in RE is 'Beginning with the Church', during which we will delve into the metaphor of the Church as "the body of Christ". We will be describing the significance of signs and symbols within the Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation).

Art and DT

In Art, we are recapping colour theory before moving onto painting and printing. We are focusing on the work of Aisha Khalid, a contemporary Pakistani artist. We will be using tints, tones and shades to produce our own artwork in her style. In DT, we will be constructing instruments.

Humanities

In History, we are learning about the Roman Empire. We are investigating invasions, battle techniques and the lives of some significant figures as well as Roman culture. In relation to our DT project, we will be studying the geography of our local area with a specific focus on the Emirates.

P.E

To start our PE learning journey, we are joined by the Non Stop Action coaches for Floor Gymnastics. We are also building on our Rounders' skills from last year. We will progress onto Netball as an invasion game and Cricket as a striking and fielding sport.

Computing

To begin, we are revisiting how to stay safe in our online world. We will be focusing on the media we consume and create, as well as developing our own idea of a healthy media balance. We will work through a framework for describing our media choices.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) Education

Linking to our Computing topic, we are discussing the importance of managing our mental health alongside our physical health. We will be identifying safe people and spaces that can help us to regulate and process.

Music

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

Spanish

We will be learning animals and their descriptions, colours, numbers, family, Christmas (when the time comes!) and using dictionaries. In October, we will look briefly at the *Day of the Dead* celebration from Mexico and other Spanish speaking countries.

Reminders:

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

Homework: 20 minutes of reading each night; weekly SeeSaw activity and spellings (set and due on Friday)