



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 *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverley Naidoo. 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 extracts from these 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 States of Matter. We identify solids, liquids and gases and observe how materials change from one state to another through the processes of evaporation and condensation. We will then move on to Living Things and their Habitats. We will use classification keys to identify and classify different species and recognise that living things can be grouped in different ways.

Religious Education (R.E.)

Our topic in RE is 'Creation and Covenant', during which we will delve into the story of Creation in Genesis 1 and interpret what it means to be 'made in God's image'. We will also be retelling the story of Exodus and examining the qualities that Moses demonstrated in his leadership.

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 building on our Rounders' skills from last year. This term also includes our two-week intensive swimming lessons at Highbury Pool. We will progress onto Athletics and develop our running, jumping and throwing skills.

Computing

We are revisiting how to stay safe in our online world. We will be discussing the different types of technology we use as well as developing our own idea of a healthy media balance. We will learn to manage our devices correctly.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) Education

In Autumn 1, we will be exploring the Zones of Regulation and considering how we can use a variety of strategies to manage a range of emotions. In Autumn 2, we are discussing the importance of managing our mental well-being.

Music

In Music, the children will identify repeating patterns. Pupils will be introduced to the concept of motifs and adapt and transpose them. The children will focus particularly on Blues music.

Spanish

We will be learning animals and their descriptions, colours, numbers to 31, family and Christmas. The children will learn to ask questions such as 'When is your birthday?' and find out about some Mexican birthday traditions.

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).