

St Mary Queen of Martyrs Voluntary Catholic Academy

Term: Spring Term 1 2022

Year Groups: 5 and 6 (Phase Three)

English

Year 5 Reading

We will be reading *Journey to Jo'Burg* by Beverley Naidoo to build our vocabulary and comprehension. We will be focusing on using inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary skills. Additionally, we will be comparing characters and ideas within the text.

Year 6 Reading

We will be reading *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty, and other short extracts to build up our vocabulary and hone our skills in inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary.

Year 5 and Y6 Writing

This year our writing lessons will take inspiration from our Victorian theme. We will be writing balanced arguments and warning stories as well as exploring poetry.

Maths

We will be following the NCTEM Curriculum Prioritisation Framework for Maths. The pupils be studying the following units:

Year 5

- Unit 4 – Short multiplication and short division
- Unit 5 – Area and Scaling
- Unit 6 – Calculating with decimal fractions

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- Unit 5 – Multiplication and division
- Unit 6 – Area, perimeter, position and direction

Religious Education

Units covered by Y5: Mission and Memorial Sacrifice

Units covered by Y6: Sources and Unity

History

Pupils will learn about The Victorian era. We will be answering the questions:

How did the Victorians shape Britain?

How did the life of a child in the Victorian era compare with your life?

Pupils will use a range of sources as evidence, be able to construct the past and develop their historical enquiry.

Science

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 will learn about Biology.

This half-term, we will learn about inheritance and adaptation within our science. We will look at:

- How fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.
- Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind- varied/ non-identical.
- Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

Art and Design

Children will undertake a printing themed project by:

- Studying famous print makers and producing observational sketches
- Developing various printing techniques including monoprinting, collagraphy and lino block printing
- Designing and creating a piece of artwork using one of the studied printing techniques

Modern Foreign Languages - French

Children will build upon their speaking, listening, writing and reading skills to build upon content taught in previous year groups.

We continue to follow the scheme entitled 'Language Angels' this year, and we will cover the following areas of study:

- The Weather (Il fait quel temps?)

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education

Our topic is Dreams and Goals. Children will learn to:

- Understand strengths and weaknesses.
- To develop a positive attitude.
- Create achievable goals and to help others achieve their goals.

Music

Children will learn to be musicians by:

- Listening with attention to detail and recalling sounds
- Accurately describing and appraising music
- Using the standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and semibreve to indicate how many beats to play
- Performing solos or as part of an ensemble
- Singing or playing expressively and in tune

Computing

Through our video topic, children will learn how to:

- Analyse video content understanding what makes a video effective.
- Use a digital device to record video and experiment with different camera angles.
- Use a storyboard to explore various filming techniques.
- Plan a video by creating a storyboard.
- Film a video using their own plans.
- Store, retrieve and export a video.
- Make edits and improvements to a video using appropriate tools.
- Evaluate their own content and that of others.

PE

This half term the children will study the unit Invasion Games and develop the following skills and principles:

- Passing
- Catching
- Footwork
- Intercepting
- Shooting
- Dodging

They will apply these skills within game situations and learn key rules and tactics related to netball.

Children will study OAA. In this unit, pupils will develop teamwork. Pupils will have the opportunity to work individually, collaboratively in pairs and groups to solve problems. They will be encouraged to be inclusive of others, share ideas to create strategies and plans to produce the best solution to a challenge.