

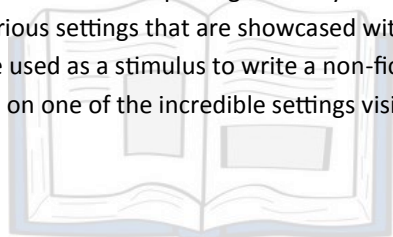


St Peter's Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter - Year 3/4

Autumn Term 2019

ENGLISH: In English we will be looking at the story 'Return' by Aaron Becker. We will be exploring the story and describe in detail the various settings that are showcased within the book. It will also be used as a stimulus to write a non-fiction travel report based on one of the incredible settings visited in the story.



MATHS: In Maths we will begin with place value where we will recognise the value of each digit in numbers with up to 4 digits, looking at negative numbers in context and rounding and estimating. We will move on to addition and subtraction where we will use mental and formal written methods to solve problems. As Year Four work towards the statutory multiplication test in June, we will continue to practise times tables up to 12 x tables. It would be great if children could practise at home too!

SCIENCE

Our topics in Science are 'Animals including humans,' and 'Sound.' Children will explore the digestive system in the human body and understand the function of the different types of teeth we have. During our 'Sound' topic, children will identify how different sounds are made and begin to investigate with pitch and volume.

R.E.

Our first R.E topic focuses on exploring the Bible. Children will recognise the two main books within the Bible and recognise their favourite stories and why they are important to us as Christians. Our second topic is entitled 'Trust in God.' Here, we will discuss the importance of trusting God, recognising stories in the Bible where it was important for others to have trust in God.

COMPUTING

In computing we will be familiarising ourselves with the various Microsoft programmes on the computer and how they can be used effectively for various purposes. We will also explore the importance of Internet safety and how we can follow simple steps to ensure we always stay safe when online.

P.E.

In P.E. we will be practising skills needed for basketball. We will focus on good sportsmanship and the importance of working together as a team to complete passing and dribbling activities. Children will begin to learn the rules of basketball, which will lead up to playing a class game.

OTHER TOPICS

(MUSIC, HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY, D.T/ART)

- We will be studying the Ancient Egyptians as part of our history topic. We will use a range of artefacts to discover what life was like as an Ancient Egyptian! In Geography, we will look at North America, making comparisons to other known places.
- In Art children will be looking at scenes created by Matisse and Cezanne as inspiration for creating their own Autumn scenes. In D&T, children will design and make bread inspired by their History topic—Ancient Egypt.
- In Music we will be learning the different notes on the Glockenspiel and exploring how this can be incorporated into different songs learned.

AT HOME YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BY:

- Reading books/magazines/newspapers regularly and discussing what has been read to encourage a deeper understanding and interest in the topic.
- Learning weekly spellings together at home.
- Learning times tables up to 12 by listening and learning songs to help with recall.