

St. Mary's RC Primary School
Year 4
Half termly Overview - Autumn One

Religion

In RE, we are learning about the story of Creation from the Book of Genesis and what it teaches us about God's love for the world. The children will reflect on how we are all part of God's creation and how we share the responsibility of looking after our common home. We will also explore the idea of covenant – God's special promise to His people – and think about how we can respond by living with care, respect, and gratitude for the world around us.

Maths

In maths, we will be looking at place value with numbers up to 10,000. They will compare, order and round numbers.

They will also learn both informal and formal methods of addition and subtraction including exchanging.

We will also be learning our times tables in preparation for the multiplication test in the summer term.

Reading (and Phonics)

In reading, the children will read various texts during guided reading sessions. They will read a variety of fiction texts and non-fiction texts which look at plastic pollution and the digestive system. They will work on answering inference questions.

Our class reader for this half term will be 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

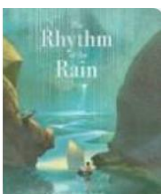


Writing

In writing, we are studying the text 'Rhythm of the Rain'.

Linked to the text, the children will be creating a persuasive letter explaining the issues of plastic pollution in our oceans. They will also be writing a narrative looking at the journey of water through different landscapes.

The grammar focus will be using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.



Science

In science, our unit of work is 'Animals including humans'. Within this, we will be studying the digestive system, teeth and their functions and finally food chains. They will also investigate which liquids affect teeth.



History (Geography)

In geography, we will be answering the question – ‘Why are rainforests important to us?’ Within this unit, we will be finding out in detail about the Amazon Rainforest including how it is changing and the lasting effect this is having.

Art (Design Technology)

In art, we will be learning about light and dark tones. The children will find out how to create shades and tints and to use these to create compositions of their own.

Physical Education

In P.E., the children will be playing invasion games, with the focus being on learning dodging and passing skills in Tag Rugby.

They will also be learning about creating routines in dance sessions.

Music

In music, will focus on singing. They will learn to understand a time signature, explain vocal range and sing acapella. They will also learn to sing in a 2 part round.

French

In French, the children will be learning about portraits. They will learn how to describe themselves and somebody else and get adjectives and nouns to agree depending on whether they are masculine or feminine.

PSHE

In Happy Minds, the children will learn about how their brain works.

We will also be discussing family and friendships and about belonging to a community.

Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday to be returned on Wednesdays. Homework will alternate between English and Maths each week. The children will also receive spellings each Friday to be tested the following week.

Other important information

It is important in Year 4 to read regularly with your child and to practise times tables on TTRS.