



St Paul's CofE (VC) Junior School Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term

Promoting, valuing and celebrating achievement in a Christian Setting

'I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me' John 10:14



English

Our class novel is 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C S Lewis

As writers, we will study:

- Description
- Persuasion
- Narrative
- Explanation

Other key texts:

'A World of our own' by Laura Carlin, 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry and 'There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom' by James Selleck

Maths

As mathematicians, we will be focussing our maths lessons on fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

Our learning will be in the following areas:

- Place Value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Area
- Multiplication
- Division
- Arithmetic

Science

As scientists will be studying 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Animals including humans'. We will be using different types of scientific enquiry:

- Comparative / fair testing
- Research
- Observation over time
- Pattern seeking
- Identifying, grouping and classifying
- Problem solving

Year 4

Mr Hole

(Charlton Class)

Mr Berry (Langhorne Class)

Mrs Kennedy (Garton Class)

Autumn Term Topics

Why are Rainforests important to us?

(Geography)

Why was the Ancient Maya civilisation once so successful?

(History)

(Please see our knowledge organisers.)

Wider Curriculum

As artists, we will complete an artist study on Rachel Parker and create a collage.

In computing we will be developing our media skills using photo editing.

As musicians we will be learning to play the glockenspiel and developing our notation skills.

In Design and Technology we will complete a textiles unit on fastenings.

As athletes, we will complete units in invasion games, dance and gymnastics.

In our French lessons we will develop our speaking, reading and writing with vocabulary from our topics, 'Phonetics and seasons' and 'Vegetables'.

As citizens, we will develop our empathy and reflection skills whilst focusing on the units: 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

Religious Education

Our units of learning are: 'How do we live and who can inspire us?' 'What do Christians believe about Agape?'

School Values Focus

Autumn 1: Trust Autumn 2: Respect

Helping at home:

Your child will have a levelled school reading book they can read at home. Regular reading at home is important. Please record home reading on your child's 'Boom Read' account. We ask that this is done at least 3 times a week.

At the beginning of the term, you are given the spelling rules and words we will be learning. Practising these at home will help your child to develop their vocabulary and writing.

For home learning, your child will be assigned Doodle Maths/English tasks every Friday which support their learning in class. We also encourage children to be in the green zone for Doodle Maths and English.

Your child has a 'Times Table Rockstars' account which we encourage children to use at home.

Reminders

PE days: Mondays and Wednesdays

Important Dates

6/10/23: Interim reports go home

11/10/23: Harvest Festival

1/11/23: Maya Workshop

9/11/23: Garton Class Worship, 2:30pm

12/12/23: Y4 Christmas Productions

Contact

Please feel free to pop in and see us at the beginning or end of the school day. You can also send teachers a message via Class Dojo.

Please see our Dojo Class Story for regular updates and photographs of our current learning.