

Saint Martin de Porres

Catholic Primary School



Year 4

Autumn term 2019

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term. Please look out for the newsletter during this term which will have lots of helpful information and diary dates.



Please support your child to read everyday. Encouraging your child to read with you and reading to them regularly, all have a huge impact on their learning.



A FEW REMINDERS FOR THIS TERM

Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly named.

Water bottles a named, reusable bottle should be brought to school everyday. Water, not squash or juice.



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PE kit is needed in school, everyday. All items must be named.

Homework will be sent out on Friday. Maths homework can be paper based. Just let us know if that's what you want.

Timestables rockstars should be done at least 4 times each week.

Mass will be led by Year 4 this term. Please check the newsletter for dates and look out for your invitation.



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OUR LEARNING IN AUTUMN 1

RE

Jesus Teaches us how to pray: The children will learn about the prayer life of Jesus as he grew up in the Jewish faith. The children will be introduced to some prayers from the Old Testament and they will consider the importance Jesus attached to prayer. They will study the Our Father, the prayer of the Rosary and other forms of prayer as part of this unit.

Creation and the story of Abraham to Joseph: The children will learn about how every human is created in the image and likeness of God and how we show this through everyday actions. They will learn about the call of Abraham and the importance of God's promise. They will learn about the story of Joseph and his brothers. Through this story the children will discuss the themes of jealousy and hatred.

PSHE

The children will be thinking about class rules and how they can ensure they are followed to make Year 4 a safe, happy and fair place to be.

The children will elect their school council representatives and think about how they can all be involved in the life of our school.

British values: Children will learn about school rules and expectations, developing their understanding of why they need to be clear and fair. Children will learn about the importance of respect and tolerance of those with different faith beliefs.



Music

The children will be learning to play the flute. These sessions will include learning about all the musical elements and lots of singing!

Maths

Place value The children will learn to: Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000. Find 1000 more or less than a given number. Recognise the place value of each digit in a four digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens and ones) Order and compare numbers beyond 1000. Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.

Count backwards through zero to negative numbers.

Read Roman numerals to 100.

Addition/subtraction Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate.

Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.

Solve addition and subtraction two step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

English

Autobiography: The children will explore a range of autobiographical texts. They will learn about the key features of autobiographical texts, language and grammatical structures. They will use a model text to create their own autobiography.

Visual English: The children will use the film 'Monster House' as a visual stimulus for their own writing. Through this they will learn about the different story structures, including openings and endings that are used in story writing as well as writing character descriptions and descriptive settings.

We will be focusing on spelling patterns, grammar and handwriting as part of these units.

Science

Electricity: The children will learn how electricity flows through a circuit. They will be able to identify all the components of a series circuit and learn how to create a circuit for a purpose. They will sort materials into insulators and conductors and create a switch. The children will also investigate the dangers of electricity and understand how to keep themselves safe.

Theme

Ancient Greece: The children will identify Greece on a map and locate the countries that were linked to Ancient Greece.

They will find out about the way people lived in the ancient Greek Empire.

Computing

Spreadsheets: The children will use and create spreadsheets to support solving mathematical problems, use simple formulae to carry out calculations and answering what if type questions. They will learn to present information in the form of graphs.

PE

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT: Throwing, catching, attacking/defending, – netball/ basketball & tag rugby.





OUR LEARNING IN AUTUMN 2

RE

Jesus light of the world: The children will be learning how Jesus was given the title of 'Light of the World' and what this means for us today. They will learn about Baptism and the Transfiguration.

Advent: They will learn about Jesus being a descendant of the House of David and place the first coming of Jesus in a historical context.

Christmas: The children will study the role of angels in the story of Christmas and learn about Christians being Messengers of Christ's Good News.

PSHE

The children will continue to explore their rights and responsibilities both in school and at home and how these make our school and home safe, happy and fair places to be. We will also be taking part in anti-bullying week.

British values: Children will learn about school rules and expectations, developing their understanding of why they need to be clear and fair. Children will learn about the importance of respect and tolerance of those with different faith beliefs.

Music

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Maths

Multiplication and division: The children will learn to: Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

Use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together three numbers. Recognise and use factor pairs in mental calculations.

Multiply two digit and three digit numbers by a one digit number using formal written layout.

Solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems.

Science

States of Matter: Children will explore solids, liquids and gases and the changes required to transform materials from one state to another. They will investigate the water cycle and which variables affect the evaporation of water.

Theme

Ancient Greece: The children will look more closely at the lives of Ancient Greeks including their Gods, schooling and sports.

They will use a range of archaeological and written sources, select and record information and interpret the past in different ways.

English

Stories set in imaginary worlds: The children will examine some well-known fantasy stories and the different features of such stories. They will write their own fantasy story set in an imagined world of their creation.

Poetry/Creating Images: They will read and respond to a range of poems and prose extracts that use similes and other simple images to create a vivid picture for a reader. They will explore and create similes and write poems experimenting with the use of similes.

We will be focusing on spelling patterns, grammar and handwriting as part of these units.

Computing

Create a factfile: The children will learn how to create a fact file based upon the Ancient Greeks. They will plan and create fact file pages, using the Internet as a source of information, add text and images. They will explore soundscapes that can be used on at least one of the fact file pages.

PE

Invasion games: Spatial awareness, decision making, teamwork, ball skills – football/hockey



Story reading ideas for this term:

- There's a werewolf in my tent by Pamela Butchart
- Fortunately, the milk by Neil Gaiman
- Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
- **Any of the Harry Potter books by J. K. Rowling**



Factual reading ideas for this term:

- Absolutely Everything! A history of earth, dinosaurs, rulers, robots and other things too numerous to mention by Christopher Lloyd
- The bacteria book: gross germs, vile viruses and funky fungi by Steve Mould
- Alastair Humphrey's Great Adventurers: The incredible expeditions of 20 explorers illustrated by Kevin Ward

Fancy reading a magazine? Have you tried one of these?

- The Beano
- Jacqueline Wilson Magazine
- National Geographic Kids

This term we will be encouraging the children to write a short book review about books they have enjoyed. We will collect together their recommendations and place them in a folder for children to use in the class library when choosing books.

