Art/DT

This half term we will investigate the work of Paul Klee. We will look at tone and shape in his work and we will experiment with tone and shape in our own work.



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History/Geography

This half term we will find out about people in the past who served others. In particular we will find out about the life of Florence Nightingale. We will ask questions about Florence Nightingale and her work and we will learn to find answers to these questions. We will look at books and pictures and look for evidence to explain reasons why people acted as they did. We will make comparisons to the present day and describe the past.

Useful websites

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/ counting

http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-3games.html

http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/
ages/5_6/sorting_using_mate.shtml
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/
ages/6_7/grouping_materials.shtml
http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/literacy/ letterformation/

P.E.

PE takes place throughout the week; please ensure your child has named PE kits in school on the correct days.

This half term we will be looking at the skills we need for Hockey. Children will take part in different activities that will focus on skills such as mastering basic movements including running, changing direction and speed. As well as balance, agility and coordination.

Children are taught outdoor PE on Mondays by our sports coach, Phil Coates. They will be focusing on ball skills this term.



Computing

Children will begin to learn to use the keyboard to type words and sentences. They will become more familiar with the key board through playing games. They will learn how to add capital letters to their writing and how to change the font size, style and colour.

PSHCE

As the gospel value that we are teaching this half term is Service, we will be exploring ways we can serve others as well as think about how people serve our community. Our SEAL topic is Going for Goals. We will develop our resilience and growth mind-set by persevering and not giving up.

Music

This half term we will be exploring pitch and how to use our voices and un tuned instruments to change pitch in line with music.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

We will working outside with a visiting wildlife expert from the RSPB to support our science work. We will work with visiting hockey coaches to learn and develop skills. As part of our value of Service we will be inviting people from our community into to talk to us about how they serve the community. Our RE topic is Special People and we will be finding out about jobs people do in church.

Literacy

We Writing This half term we will be reading William heads to Hollywood and will be writing newspaper reports. We will explore the character's thoughts and feelings through role play and in writing. We will look at the features of newspaper reports and write using the past tense and in the third person. We will make our writing exciting by beginning sentences in different ways and by using and to join sentences. The children will continue to learn to rehearse their sentences, use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly. They will be encouraged to plan their writing, rehearse sentences before writing, reread their writing to check it makes sense and to edit their work.



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Maths

In maths we will be exploring division and multiplication.

We will be recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.

We will be calculating mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (*), division (\div) and equals (=) signs.

We will learn the rules which are to show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order and division of one number by another cannot.

We will be solving problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts. We will be moving on to investigate fractions, looking at the numerator and the denominator, looking in particular at a whole, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8 and 1/3.

There are games to support our numeracy work:
http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting
http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html

Spelling, Phonics, Grammar and Punctuation

Children will have a daily phonics lesson where they learn a phoneme and then practise using it through games and activities.

Games to support our phonics work can be found on:

http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-3-games.html

http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-4-games.html

http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-5-games.html Spellings will be sent home a Monday to be tested the following Monday. These

Science

This half term we will begin to investigate materials. We will find out about natural and man-made materials. We will name a variety of natural materials, discuss their uses and find out about their properties. We will also look at how materials can be changed through squashing, twisting, stretching. We will carry out some investigations and discuss our findings. We will also be finding out about Seasonal Change throughout the year. This half term we will look at the changes in Winter and how day length changes.

Homework

Homework will support our class work. This will include basic skills, number skills, handwriting or topic based activities. Links to websites and games will be added to Seesaw to support your child's learning. Please read with your child as often as possible and also enjoy and discuss other stories and texts together.

RE

As a Catholic school we follow the Diocesan scheme of work, 'Come and See' Topics this term include

Topics this term include Special People and . In our 'Special People' topic we will find out about special people in the church and that Jesus is the special person for the parish family.

In our 'Meals' 'topic we will find out about the story of the Last Supper and how we celebrate this sacrament during Mass.