

English

Our work in English this half term will once again link to our gospel value of 'Joy'.

Narrative

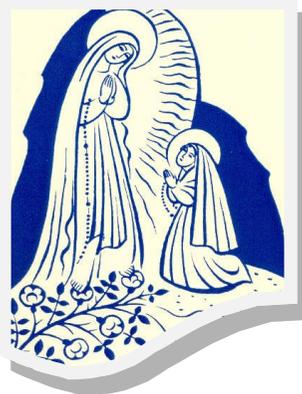
Using a range of different short stories, we will identify classic features of a narrative, considering what makes a 'good story'. We will be looking at the complex structure of effective stories and trying to improve our language and vocabulary when describing characters and settings. We will also be using a range of videos such as 'The Dream Giver' to inspire our writing.

Poetry

As we move towards Christmas, we will be writing some thoughtful poetry based on the joy of the festive season. Using skills such as personification and imagery we will write our own poems depicting the joy of Christmas.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Through daily English lessons and stand alone grammar and spelling sessions, we will be becoming more familiar with more complex word classes, advanced punctuation to separate clauses and how prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of root words.



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Geography

This half term, we will be improving our map skills as we learn more about terms such as longitude and latitude. Our geography topic will also link directly to our science topic, as we study how the world is split into different time zones and how the concept of night and day is effected by the movement on the Earth.

Maths

Our Maths lessons this half term will, once again, adopt an investigative approach. We will be refining our multiplication and division skills, improving both in fluency and reasoning and problem solving. We will then begin some work on fractions, decimal and percentages before starting to look at some areas of geometry towards the end of the half term.

Daily arithmetic sessions will consolidate learning from Maths lessons by revisiting elements of place value, addition and subtraction.

Reading

Reading in Year 6 is both included in English lessons and in separate guided reading sessions. The class will develop their reading confidence and inference and deduction abilities this half term using texts from our English lessons and stand alones.

R.E.

This half term, we will be studying the topics of Belonging, looking at the vocation and commitment of a priest. As well as this, we will then be studying the topic of Advent in which we look at the idea of expectation and think about the expectations people had of the Messiah.

Art / DT

Our DT will be linked to our Geography topic, whereby we will be looking at different foods from around the world. We will be sampling different foods, looking at their sources and also creating our own recipes and making our own yummy treats,



Computing

This half term, we will be completing the unit Manipulating Images. Pupils will learn how to match the artwork of famous artists using different software. They will then look at how to edit digital artwork and how to add a soundtrack to their images.

Homework

Homework will continue to be issued in 2 parts. Maths will be given on Monday (1 piece per night). Then a piece of Literacy will be given on Friday to be completed for the following Monday. Homework will normally always be linked to the work we are doing or will be doing in class.

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Science

This term will see us examine the topic of Earth, Moon & Space. We will describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system, describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies and use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

P.E.

This half term, the whole school will work on the indoor PE topic of Cheerleading! The class will work on rhythm and movement, putting together some routines towards the end of the unit. During our outdoor sessions we will continue our work on 'blind football'. We will use specialised equipment to help us understand the complexities of a game when one sense is restricted.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are regular extra curricular opportunities throughout the year, you will be informed through ParentMail.

French

French lessons this half term will continue to include vocabulary around the theme 'About the town'. We will also complete a French Unit of work about Christmas.

Educational visits & Outdoor Learning

This half term we will visit the planetarium at the Hancock Museum to tie in with our Science and Geography topics.

SEAL

During our SEAL sessions we will look deeper into the Value of bringing joy to others by working through the topic 'Getting on and falling out'.