

## English

We will begin this half term by completing a persuasive letter, linking to our Gospel Value. We will use the topical plastic pollution issue as a stimulus for our writing. Therefore, we will use a range of factual sites, videos and images. We will discuss the features of persuasive texts and understand how to apply these to our writing. We will look at how to choose vocabulary to impact the reader, focusing on formal and emotive language. We will also focus on the following skills: range of punctuation, subjunctive form, passive voice, direct address.

Following this, we will consolidate our SPaG knowledge in preparation for our Grammar and Spelling SAT. Topics such as different word classes, tenses, phrases, clauses and more complex elements such as active and passive voice will be covered in this 2 week period.

## SPaG

Grammar will be taught in 2 ways. Firstly, through daily literacy lessons, where grammar will be highlighted through reading and used in the application of writing. Secondly through stand alone weekly grammar lessons, where skills from Literacy lessons will be consolidated and refined for revision purposes,



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## RE

This half term we are focusing on the feast of Pentecost. Christians believe that the spirit of God is active in each person and in a special way in the community of believers which is the Church. The Feast of children will look at the celebration both of the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the trust God places in people to be witnesses in the world.

## Maths

We will begin the term with a geometry unit, focusing on position and direction. We will look at co-ordinates in four quadrants, reflection and translation of shape. Following this, year 6 will revise all covered topics, in preparation for the SATs in May. This will be done through a range of activities, combining the consolidation of both arithmetic and reasoning strategies. We will continue to encourage pupils to use a range of different approaches to tackle tricky challenges, including diagrams and pictorial representations.

## Geography

In this unit about Amazing America children will first find out about the continent of North America, and the countries that form it. They will then look in more detail at some of the contrasting areas of North America, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each area. At the end of the unit, children will research a trip to an area of North America and create tour guides to share what they have found.

## Reading

Reading is incredibly important this year. It will be an integral part of our English lessons, it will be taught through daily guided reading sessions and there is always time provided if the children choose to read for pleasure in school.

## Art / DT

This Marbulous Structures unit gives children opportunities to develop their understanding of more complex free standing structures and how they can be strengthened and reinforced.

Children will gain knowledge of how to join and shape materials. Children will then apply these skills, using an iterative design process, to create their marble runs. Finally, children will test and evaluate their marble runs against design criteria .



## Computing

This half term we will be completing a unit that takes the children through the process of analysing and building the classic game Pac-Man using Scratch. They will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems.

## Homework

Homework will take on a different format this term as we begin our UFA programme. Homework for Maths, Reading, Writing and SPaG will be given out on a Tuesday and completed for the following UFA session.

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## Science

In this 'Forces' unit will teach your class about balanced and unbalanced forces, gravity, friction and the use of mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys. The children will identify forces and complete force diagrams. They will find out about Isaac Newton and his discoveries about gravity, completing a comprehension about his life and his work. The children will look for patterns and links between the mass and weight of objects, using newton metres to measure the force of gravity.

## P.E.

This half term, we will be playing cricket. The children will play games demonstrating control, accuracy and sound technique in their bowling, batting and fielding; think about where they place the ball when batting and bowling; field effectively to put the batter under pressure; field effectively to put the batter under pressure; read the game well, selecting tactics and team strategies which suit the situation.

## Extra Curricular

In addition to UFA, there are extra curricular opportunities throughout the year which can be found on the school website.

## PHSCE

Mental well-being is crucial this term. As we approach SATs, we will be working on techniques to relieve stress and anxiety, such as quiet prayer and meditation. We will also be thinking about how manage emotions and hormones.

## Educational visits & Outdoor Learning

Further updates to follow.

Don't forget, Year 6 morning boosters will take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am. Breakfast will be provided for all pupils who attend.