ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YEAR: 2 TERM 2 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Mathematics

This term, in Maths, we will continue developing our addition and subtraction skills. The children will learn different strategies to add and subtract numbers, including making 10, crossing 10 and working with two-digit numbers. We will also explore finding 10 more and 10 less, comparing number sentences and solving missing number problems.

Later in the term, we will move on to shape, where the children will identify and describe 2-D and 3-D shapes, explore their properties, including sides, vertices, faces and edges, and investigate lines of symmetry. We will also have fun sorting shapes, drawing shapes and creating patterns.

English

This term, in English, we will be exploring climate change through our core text, *Anna Hibiscus*. The children will learn about different types of writing, including poetry and formal letters. We will explore how to write persuasive letters, sharing our opinions and giving reasons for our ideas. In poetry, we will focus on using interesting vocabulary to create our own poems. Throughout the term, we will continue to develop our sentence-writing skills, focusing on using conjunctions and commas in lists.

In reading, we will continue to develop our comprehension skills using VIPERS. Through whole-class and echo reading, the children will practise understanding new vocabulary, making predictions, answering questions and finding information in texts.

Physical Education

This term, in PE, we will be focusing on Gymnastics and Net and Wall Games. In Gymnastics, the children will develop their balancing, jumping, rolling and travelling skills. They will learn to link movements together to create short sequences, improving their confidence, coordination and control. In Net and Wall Games, we will practise throwing, catching and hitting a ball, whilst developing our racket skills. The children will also learn simple tactics, how to score points and the importance of teamwork and fair play.

Science

This term, in Science, we will continue learning about Uses of Everyday Materials. The children will explore different materials, including wood, plastic, metal, glass and fabric, and investigate their properties. We will learn why certain materials are chosen for different purposes and explore which materials are most suitable for different jobs. The children will also carry out simple investigations, comparing materials and learning about people who have invented useful new materials and products.

RE

This term, in RE, we will be learning about Prophecy and Promise. The children will explore how God sent messages through prophets and learn about the important roles of Mary, Elizabeth and John the Baptist. We will share stories from the Bible about the events leading up to Jesus' birth. As Christmas approaches, we will learn about Advent, why it is a special time for Christians and how people prepare for Christmas around the world. We will also explore the Nativity story and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

D&T

This term, in DT, we will be exploring Structures. The children will investigate how different shapes and materials can be used to make strong and stable structures. Using the story of Baby Bear, they will design and make their own chairs, thinking carefully about how to make them strong enough to support a weight. They will then test their chairs and explore ways to improve their designs.

Computing

This term, in Computing, we will be exploring Digital Artists. The children will learn about famous artists and use digital painting software to create artwork inspired by their styles. They will develop their creative skills and combine what they have learnt to produce their own digital masterpiece.

RSHE

Created and Loved by God explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are created by God out of love and for love, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

Geography

This term, in Geography, we will be learning about Hot and Cold Places. The children will learn to name and locate the seven continents, the North and South Poles and the Equator on a world map. We will explore different climates around the world and compare what life is like in the UK and Kenya. The children will also investigate our local weather and learn about the features of hot and cold places, including where they can be found around the world.

Music

This term, in Music, the children will develop their singing skills through a range of songs and activities. We will practise singing in tune, keeping a steady beat and exploring tempo (speed) and dynamics (volume).