ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YEAR: 4 **TERM 2** **CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

Mathematics

Following White Rose Maths' Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA) approach to mastery, this term we will be developing on our understandings of Addition and Subtraction, Area, as well as Multiplication and Division.

Times Tables are of great importance to the children's learning this year. In the summer term, there will be an online Multiplication Tables Check for all Year 4 pupils. We will ensure to prioritise tables practise weekly but would appreciate any support that you can provide your child with at home too.

English

This term, we will begin our new topic, which is Rainforests. This is a cross-curricular topic with Geography. In English, we will look at non-fiction explanation writing (leaflets). Children will complete a comprehension exercise before then reading a WAGOLL (What A Good One Looks Like). We will identify features of explanation writing before drafting our own leaflets all about the Rainforest. Once we have completed the first writing genre, year 4 will then look at poetry of the Rainforest. Alongside this, year 4 will read our new class text 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo.

Physical Education

This year, the children will be taking part in two hours of sport per week. This term, we are lucky enough to be receiving PE coaching from Miss Draycott on a Thursday morning. For the remaining hour, the children will be continuing with their PE on a Tuesday. Children will be learning Hockey and Rugby skills.

RSHE

This term we will be continuing with our 'Created and Loved by God' module. Rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, the children will develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

Science

Through our cross curricular topic of 'Rainforests', we will be learning to identify different animals who live in our local area as well as states of Matter with a particular focus on the water cycle.
Within this, we aim to int4roduce new vocabulary and understand which science skills we are using in each lesson.

RE

This term we will be studying the themes of Promise and Prophecy. Year 4 will be approaching these themes through the topics of John the Baptist the the birth of Jesus.

Here at St Thomas', we are inclusive and diverse. We understand the importance of other faiths and will spend a week this term exploring Judaism.

Design and Technology

This term we will be 'adapting a recipe'. We will start by following a baking recipe before making and testing a prototype, designing a biscuit on a given budget, and making a biscuit that meets a given design brief.

Computing

This term, we will be exploring communication and collaboration. We will look at the differences between online and offline communication, before considering the positives and negatives of each.

Geography

This term we will be learning all about Rainforests. During this in-depth study of 'Rainforests around the world', your child will: discover where the rainforests are in the world and locate them on a world map; explore what it is like in a rainforest and learn about the four main layers of vegetation; define the word 'climate' and use charts and graphs to explore the climate of tropical rainforests; discover the indigenous rainforest tribes and compare their lives with life in modern society; and lastly, explore how the rainforests are under threat and the actions that we can take to help save them.

Music

This term, we will learn a song called 'Stop!' which is all about bullying. Children will learn performance, composition and appraising skills. Alongside this, we will continue to learn the ukulele for our concert at the Central Theatre.

French

This term we will be engaging in a topic called 'On the move'. We will learn to develop our conversational skills via some new topics: transport, direction, and movement.