

St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter - Summer Term 2019



Year 3

Year Group and Staff

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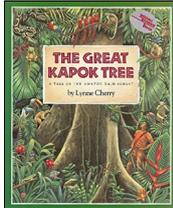
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English

The Great Kapok Tree

A story about the rainforests and the importance of the preservation of nature, *The Great Kapok Tree* will also inspire lively class debates and persuasive writing. We will be studying the author's description of the rainforest setting and use powerful adjectives and adverbials to create our own setting descriptions—as well as creating watercolours based on the rainforest



Pebble in My Pocket

This narrative by Meredith Hooper takes the reader into the deep and distant past to witness the formation of the rock. This text will link fantastically to our Science topic of 'Rocks' and will assist the children in writing factual reports and explanation texts.

Maths

Children will compare and order fractions with the same denominator; begin to recognise equivalences of $\frac{1}{2}$ and add and subtract fractions. We will divide using chunking, with remainders and begin to estimate products. They will compare and measure weights in multiples of 100g; know how many grams are in a kilogram and estimate and weigh objects to the nearest 100g. They will also identify, name and draw horizontal, vertical, perpendicular, parallel and diagonal



lines, angles and symmetry in 2D shapes; measure the perimeter

Science

Plants

Children will study the parts of flowering plants and their functions. They will describe the life cycle of plants, in particular how seeds are formed, dispersed and germinate. The children will take a visit to Kew Gardens to investigate plant life and how the bees are a necessity to our environment.



Rocks

Children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They will describe how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made from rock and organic matter.

RE

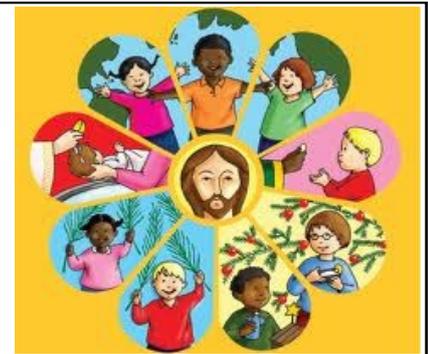
For RE lessons we use the Come and See scheme of work. We will be focusing on:

ENERGY - The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

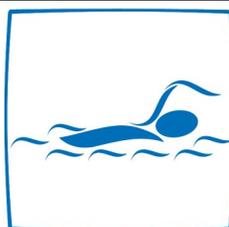
CHOICES - The Importance of examination of conscience

Special Places - Studying holy places for Jesus and the Christian community

This term we will also learn about **OTHER RELIGIONS** - The children will learn about places of worship for Muslims.



PE



Please ensure that your child brings appropriate swimming kit on Mondays.

Year 3 will continue to go swimming every Monday afternoon. They will learn how to enter and exit the water safely. They will develop skills such as: how to turn around, how to lie back, how to lie forward and how to regain an upright position. Children should develop confidence in the water and a feeling of being at ease with water around their face.

Music

We will continue to learn how to play the recorder, this term continuing to learn right hand notes and breathing techniques.

Recorders are still available to buy from school via ParentPay—a great way to support your child's learning at home!

Children have hymn practise every Wednesday.



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History & Geography

Study of the Local Environment

Pupils will use locational language to describe the location of points on a map of Stratford. They will also plan a tour of the Stratford, which includes a map with a key. They will also take digital photographs of the main features of the local area and plot them onto their maps.



International Term - Poland

We will be learning about the key geographical features of Poland and comparing Polish cities to London. We will be creating a traditional recipe making Naleśniki and improving our recipes by adding in ingredients traditionally found in Poland. The children will be researching famous Polish men and women, including the Polish Pope, Marie Skłodowska-Curie, Nicolaus Copernicus. For International day, we will be performing a traditional Polish dance called Krakowiak.

Computing

Word Processing

The children will learn about Word and other popular word processing programmes. They will learn how to use the basic functions of the programme as well as saving and printing work.



We are Communicators

The children will learn how our school computer network works and how computers connect to the internet. They will use a simulation and learn some simple command prompt tools for testing network connections.



PSHE



We will be linking with our International scheme of work, studying the culture of Poland. We will also be following the 'Journey in Love' curriculum, spending time discussing healthy relationships.



Homework

Children are expected to complete their own homework, however, **parents need to sign it before it is handed in to confirm that homework is of an acceptable standard.**

Homework is given out on **Friday** and is due back on **Tuesday**. If homework is not returned on Tuesday it will not be marked.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!



It is very important that you read with your child every day and ask them questions about the book. Please sign the reading journals once you have heard them read. The home/school reading books must be brought in to school every day and will be changed at least once a week.

French



The children will be exploring and naming different activities. They will be identifying how long activities take and telling the time in French.

