

St Mary Queen of Martyrs Voluntary Catholic Academy

Term: Summer 1

Year Groups: 3 and 4 (Phase 2)

English

Class ME and Class LI Reading

We will be going on a Stone Age adventure this half term. The children will be reading Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura, Blast to the Past by Tommy Donbavand and The Boy with the Bronze Axe by Kathleen Fidler. They will develop their understanding of new vocabulary and further embed retrieval skills.

Class CB Reading:

We will be reading The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman. The text will be used to help the children develop their inference, prediction and summarising skills.

Class ME and Class LI Writing:

The children will be making their very own class book of fables inspired by Aesop's Fables. They will also be investigating the impact of deforestation and use this information to write a persuasive leaflet.

Class CB Writing:

The children will be writing a persuasive letter to Mrs Coldham. They will be learning how to structure a letter, use emotive language and rhetorical questions to persuade. The children will also be writing a twisted tale using popular fairy tales to inspire their writing.

Maths

Pupils will learn and practise how to:

In Class ME and Class LI

- Find fractions of a set of objects.
- Find equivalent fractions.
- Compare and order fractions.
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominators.
- Tell the time to o'clock and half past, quarter past and quarter to.
- Tell the time to 5 minutes, then 1 minute using a.m. and p.m. and the 24-hour clock.

In Class CB

- Find fractions of a number.
- Find equivalent fractions.
- Compare and order fractions.
- Convert fractions from mixed numbers into improper fractions.
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominators.
- Order and compare tenths and hundredths using a number line.
- Compare, order and round decimals.
- Convert money between pounds and pence.

Religious Education

Class ME and LI Units: Choices and Energy (Pentecost)

Class CB Units: New Life (Pentecost) and Building Bridges

History

Pupils will learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and be able to order them chronologically. They will be investigating and recreating cave drawings as historical sources. They will also investigate the mystery of Stonehenge and research what it was like to be the first ever farmers.

Science

The children will learn about rocks, fossils and rocks by:

- Investigating the properties of rocks;
- Using chocolate to understand and describe the rock cycle.
- Describing how fossils are formed.
- Recognising that soils are made from rocks.
- Observing change in soils caused by worms.

Design and Technology

Children will be:

- Researching and testing various attachment techniques used to reinforce and strengthen structures.
- Designing a Stone Age structure that is strong enough to withstand strong winds.
- Making the structure by selecting the most suitable materials and tools.
- Evaluating by looking into buildings that withstand tornados.

Modern Foreign Languages - French

Salut!

The children will build upon their speaking, listening and reading skills.

- First, they will learn about dates and seasons in French through playing games and building their conversation skills.
- Then, they will learn how to read, write and pronounce different fruits and food based around the Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education

Children will learn about relationships by:

- Identifying how to form positive friendships and solve disputes.
- Exploring and understanding how to be safe and respectful when online.

Music

Children will be:

- Listening with attention to detail and recalling instruments and genres.
- Finding the pulse, pitch and dynamics of a piece music.
- Describing and appraising music.
- Exploring the standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and semibreve to produce their own rhythms.
- Playing glockenspiels to the tune of Lean on Me by Bill Withers.

Computing

Children will learn to use the programs Turtle Logo and Scratch to draw shapes, letters and complex patterns. They will also debug and evaluate given algorithms and develop their own for others to follow.

PE

This half term the children will complete the unit Invasion Games and develop the following skills:

- Passing and catching
- Moving and dodging
- Tagging and intercepting
- Attacking and defending

They will apply these skills within a tag rugby game and learn key rules, tactics and team skills.