



St. Monica's Catholic Primary School

H.A.S.T (Home and School Together)



As part of our home-school links, we aim to keep you fully informed of the curriculum being studied by your children.
This term Year 4 will be studying the topics listed in the overview below.

Year 4 - 2.1

R.E	Community - To recognise the importance of being part of a community and the commitment it has. Children will use parables from the Bible which demonstrate community and the values needed. Relating - Living in communion. Here we focus on the invitation to know Jesus, to live in communion with him and with one another. Prayer and Liturgy - Children will explore different themes in class, helping their spiritual and moral development through regular Prayer and Liturgy sessions.
English: Reading	Class Novel: Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl Pupil Reads/Reading Comprehension: Reading is delivered through daily reading sessions with a clear focus. Dedicated reading time is given to specific genres and key skills. Children have the opportunity to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction using a combination of 'reading for pleasure' books and levelled reading scheme books; both are used to promote fluency and enjoyment.
English: Writing	Focus text: Escape to Pompeii by Christina Balit (narrative - historical story) This narrative text will have a cross-curricular link with our history topic of the Romans. Pupils will be able to retell the story from the point of view of another character. Children will focus on using standard English across their historical narrative, organising paragraphs around a theme and using fronted adverbials in their writing. Pupils will use and punctuate direct speech to show dialogue between characters.
English: SPAG	Grammar and Punctuation: Children will study the present and past progressive tense using 'ing'. They will learn to use the present perfect form of 'to have'. Children will explore adverbials, with a focus placed on fronted adverbials and the ability to use adverbial phrases as part of a sentence. Children will learn to put commas in a list. Spelling: Revise key spelling rules using Spelling Frame www.spellingframe.co.uk Rules include: Suffix: -ous and unstressed vowels and /k/ spelt 'ch' and /s/ spelt 'c'
Maths	Multiplication and Division / Length & Perimeter Children will develop their fluency and reasoning skills along with their arithmetic throughout lessons. In multiplication and division, pupils will look at factor pairs and multiplying and dividing a 3 digit by a 1 digit number. In the topic of length and perimeter, pupils will look at measuring the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. Times Tables Children will be encouraged to use Times Table Rockstars to support this. Children are encouraged to log on to: www.trockstars.com Logins are on the inside of pupils' reading records.
Science	Electricity; Circuits and Conductors - To identify common appliances that run on electricity. Children will have hands-on experience of using equipment to make a circuit. Children will further explore common conductors and insulators and associate metals as being good conductors.
Art and Design	Art - Children will study the topic of 'Pointillism' with a focus on George Seurat as our artist. They will explore different shades of colour and use their new knowledge to create their own artwork through using inspiration from their chosen artist or artwork.
History	History - Children will study the Roman Invasion and their settlement in Britain. As part of their study, children will visit the Dewa Roman Experience in Chester where children will experience the life of a Roman centurion, explore artefacts, study Roman architecture and experience what it was like to live in Roman Britain.
Music	Learning to play the ukulele Children will learn the parts of the ukulele and how to fret a note. They will focus on timing and pitch whilst learning a song to perform.
P.E.	Football Develop skills in defence and possession of the ball through passing, defending and attacking with their classmates. Children show the value of respect as they work with other members of their team. Gymnastics Children will continue to develop their gymnastic skills learning about individual and partner balances, jumps using rotation, the different types of rolls and the bridge and shoulder stand. Swimming Children will learn front and back swimming strokes, floating and submerging. They will practice different kicking and arm actions and observe others for feedback. Additionally, they will learn personal survival skills and water safety.
PSHE	Dreams and Goals Children will be able to tell you about some of their hopes and dreams. They will understand that sometimes hopes and dreams do not come true and look at strategies to overcome disappointment and create new goals. Pupils will learn to respect others opinions and goals.

Homework	Reading: Daily reading with reading records to be signed by an adult three times a week. This will be checked in school on Friday by an adult. Spelling: Spellings are set every other Friday with tests every Friday. Spelling sheets to be returned on Fridays. Spellings lists and games also available on www.spellingframe.co.uk Logins are on inside of the reading records. Maths: Children will be encouraged to play Times Table Rockstars three times a week to learn their times tables. Logins are on the inside of their reading records. Pupils will be given times table homework each Friday to be returned for the following week.
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