

St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Year Five Curriculum Letter
Spring 1
January - February 2017

Subjects	Themes
Religious Education	<p>Sources: In this topic, the children explore their experience of a wide variety of books and the purposes for which they were written. They hear about the Bible as the story of God's love told by the people of God.</p> <p>Unity: The children explore how being thoughtful for life, people and gifts is a vital part of our relationship with one another. When praise and appreciation are experienced, we are enabled to relate on a deeper level.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Children will be developing their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills. Work will be based on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Place value, ordering and rounding. - Understanding multiplication and division for mental and written calculations. - Money and real life problems. - Shape, space, angles and measures. - Statistics including work on data, mean, mode and median. - Weight and conversions. - Properties and reasoning about numbers.
English	<p>Children are completing a text based Literacy Unit with a focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling. Book Focus: The Watertower Looking at a range of stories from other cultures. Working with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grammatical terms/ word classes - Functions of sentences - Combining words, phrases and clauses - Verb form, tense and consistency - Punctuation - Vocabulary and Standard English formality <p>The children will write a news article in a journalistic style. They will select language, form, format and content to suit a particular audience and purpose.</p>
Science	<p>Earth and Space Science work this half this Half Term will focus upon Earth and Space. The children will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe the movement of the Earth and other planets in relation to the sun in the solar system. - Describe the movements of the moon relative to the Earth. - Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies. They will use the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.
PE	<p>Swimming The children are attending swimming lessons every Friday.</p> <p>Handball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct the ball towards the opponent/ target area. - Hit the ball with purpose, varying speed, height and direction. - Play shots with increasing accuracy. - Choose good positions to play attacking shots.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify space and understand tactics of hitting into space. - Take up good positions in the court to receive the ball and to allow for defence.
History, Art and DT	<p>Why should we remember Maya?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What can we learn about Ancient Maya from the lives of Maya today? - Why did the Maya have so many gods? - Cities and pyramids - How well adapted to their environment were they Maya? <p>Chuffed to Bits The children will continue their project learning about the History of the railway and trains.</p>
Computing	<p>Heroes and Villains - Graphics Children will create their own Heroes and Villains style game using the program Scratch.</p>

Additional Information:

PE: PE will take place on **FRIDAYS AND TUESDAYS**. PE kits need to be kept in school to help avoid children missing lessons due to a lack of kit.

Homework: Homework for both English and Maths is given out on a **Friday** and needs to be returned by **Tuesday** of the following week. Learning logs will be given out **EVERY OTHER Friday** to be returned the following **Friday**. Mathletics is a fantastic way to practice basic skills and your child's activity will be monitored by the class teacher.

Spelling Tests: Spelling tests will take place on **Fridays** and spellings will be set on **Monday** to be learnt for the test.

Reading: Children will be expected to read for half an hour either independently or with an adult or older brother or sister. This will hopefully encourage them to read for pleasure and show them the enjoyment they can get from reading.

Mental Maths: A variety of Mental Maths activities take place during the week. Children should use Mathletics for ten minutes every school day. Thursdays 6pm until 7pm is Mathletics hour for the Juniors - children can log on at this time (if they wish) knowing that some of their friends are online at the same time.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.
Miss Hodgkiss
Class Teacher