

YEAR 4

CURRICULUM NOTES FOR PARENTS

ST JOHN FISHER RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM



HISTORY

As historians, we will study the following:

Theme: First King of England- Vikings and Anglo Saxons

Research the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.

Learn about the lives of some people of colour during this time period. Consider empathy and make comparisons to our lives today.

MATHS

Multiplication and Division: Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one- digit number using formal written layout.

Length and perimeter: Measure in metres and kilometres. Find the perimeter of polygons.

Fractions: Add and subtractions with the same

denominator. Improper fractions to mixed numbers.

Decimals: Children to recognise the value of the digits to two decimal places.

Continue to recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 . Ask your child to show you what they can do on Times Tables Rock stars.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Unit: Community

Communion-Giving and Receiving

Lent-Self Discipline

Topics will include:

Jobs in the community, Thanking the Parish, The Communion Rite and understanding that Lent is a journey to meet God.

Big Questions linked to these topics:

What makes 'community'?

What is more important - giving or receiving? What is self-discipline important in life?



SCIENCE

As scientists, we will study the following: Unit: States of Matter

Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled.

Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

COMPUTING

As digital citizens, we will study the following:

Programming:

Further coding with Scratch. That a variable is a value that can change (depending on conditions) and know that you can create them in Scratch.

Creating media:

Website design. To know that websites should be informative and interactive.

GEOGRAPHY

As geographers, we will study the following:

Theme: Amazing Americas! North and South America

Identify and locate the countries within North and South America and major cities. Study their environmental regions and key physical and human characteristics.

ENGLISH

Talk for Writing

Children will study and analyse a model text before planning and writing their own:

Write an opening and build up to a portal story focused on setting and atmosphere

Write a first-person diary recount

Poetry: Dragon's Wood by Brian Moses

Grammar

Nouns, pronouns, conjunctions, prepositions, adverbs, fronted adverbials, commas, possessive apostrophe and punctuating direct speech.

Spellings

Including those on the Year 3/4 spelling list.

ART & DESIGN

As artists and designers, we will study the following:

Painting & mixed media: Light and dark

Using lighter and darker tints and shades of a colour can create a 3D effect.

Mechanical systems: Making a slingshot car

Design and make a car that moves.

PE

As active learners, we will study:

Dance - To explore the movements of a dance theme. Synchronizing and developing movements.

Swimming lessons: Morden leisure centre Tag Rugby and Hockey- Develop skills in passing, scoring and teamwork to successfully play in a match setting.

SPANISH

As global learners, we will study:

An introduction to Shapes.

Use adjectives to describe position. Describing Miro's pictures.

The names for parts of the face and body. Describe parts of the face and body using colours, sizes and position.

MUSIC

As musicians, we will learn about:

Develop skills on tuned percussion Learn about chords and 'doodle' (improvise) with our voices Compose a fanfare whilst exploring features of varied musical styles.

PSHE & RSE

As active citizens, we will learn about:

Dreams & Goals

Know how it feels to have hopes and dreams.

Be aware of how different people and groups impact on me and can recognise the people I most want to be friends with.

Healthy Me

The importance of making healthy choices.

The benefits of exercise.