



St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School **Year 4 Spring 2 Curriculum Overview**

Key learning this half term

Maths Literacy **Religious Education**

This half term we will be reading the text 'Monster Slayer', by Brian Patten and How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell.





How to Train your Dragon will tie in with our learning about Vikings and Monster Slayer is set in a similar Anglo Saxon setting which we have already learned about. We will write about our understanding of what we are reading by answering comprehension and inference style questions. We will write stories and develop our descriptive skills by looking at characters in the stories. Our grammar focus will be on prepositions, conjunctions and correct verb tense in sentences eg 'I was' not 'we was'. We will also look at ways to start sentences more effectively with the use of fronted adverbials and will complete work on expanded noun phrases.

We will be learning about fractions. We will look at tenths and count in tenths. We will work out equivalent fractions, add and subtract fractions and find fractions of an amount

We will move on to a focus of decimals. We will identify tenths and hundredths in decimals and on a place value grid. We will also divide 1-digit and 2-digit numbers by 10.

We will continue to practise our times tables and corresponding division fact. We encourage children to continue to practise their times tables at home as much as possible. They can use TT Rockstars to do this.

We will be asking the question, 'Why do Christians celebrate Holy Week?'

We will discuss the Last Supper, Judas' betraval and Peter's denial and what they might mean. We will make clear links between Gospel texts and how Christians remember, celebrate and serve on Maundy Thursday, including Holy Communion.

We will look at how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus in their everyday lives: for example, prayer, serving, sharing the message and the example of Jesus.

PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT:

- · Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection.
- The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to do.
- Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today.
- Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection.

We are also studying:

Science	History	PSHE	French	DT
We will be learning about states of matter and the water cycle. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: materials are broadly grouped in to a solid, liquid or gas. They will learn about the properties of these states and how cooling and heating affects them.	We will be learning about the Vikings. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: the Anglo Saxons lived in Britain before the Vikings came and after the Romans left. They will learn about the legacy the Vikings left behind.	We will be learning about friendship groups and how they work. We will be looking at the effects of smoking and alcohol on someone's health. We will also learn about peer pressure and how to deal with it. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: people are sometimes put under pressure and can explain ways to resist this. They will be able identify feelings of anxiety and fear associated with peer pressure.	We will be learning about colours, shapes and where they may be positioned. We will be learning about features of the face and describing them. We will also look at other body parts and describe these. We will use what we have learnt to study artwork by Picasso. PUPILS WILL KNOW: the names of certain colours and shapes in French, how to identify and name body parts in French. They will know how to describe body parts.	We will be having a DT week this half term. Children will be cooking savoury dishes and will learn about food hygiene. PUPILS WILL KNOW: how to store food hygienically and will prepare and cook a savoury dish.
PE	ICT	British Values	Christian Value	
We will be carrying out lessons outdoors and with a focus on ball skills, sending and receiving skills and team games. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: communication in those games is very important. They will also develop correct approaches for catching and throwing and make sensible choices as to the type of catch and throw they should perform depending on the activity.	We will learn about data logging. We will look at what questions we ask and how this can be collected. We will then look at collecting, logging and analysing this data. PUPILS WILL KNOW: how to log data and how to analyse and interpret data. They will know how to form questions to get necessary answers.	We will be focusing on individual liberty. We will be looking at how people choose to express themselves and how it is important to respect and show tolerance towards the views of others.	We will be thinking about justice. We will be thinking about equality and diversity and what we do in our school to support this. We will take this further by thinking about equality, doing what is fair and what this looks like in school and the wider community.	We will be starting swimming lessons this half term. Italy will go swimming on Tuesdays. Canada will go swimming on Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings a towel and the correct type of swimming costume in accordance with Brighouse pool's guidelines. Please phone them direct for more information or contact the school office with any queries.