



St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School

Year 4 Spring 2 Curriculum Overview

Key learning this half term

Literacy	Maths	Religious Education
<p>This half term we will be reading the text 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell and we will explore poetry around the theme of food. We will also finish reading the text 'Grk and the Pelotti Gang.'</p> <div data-bbox="369 630 627 833" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>How to Train your Dragon will tie in with our learning about Vikings. 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. We will also learn about reports and instructional texts.</p> <p>Our grammar focus will be on prepositions, conjunctions and correct verb tense in sentences e.g. '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.</p>	<p>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 also work on finding proper and improper fractions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>We will be asking the question, 'Why do Christians celebrate Holy Week?'</p> <p>We will discuss the Last Supper, Judas' betrayal 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>We will be learning about states of matter and the water cycle.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>We will be learning about the Vikings.</p> <p>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. There is a school trip on Monday 13th March to Murton Park in York. Please see Mr Lyons or Mr Blamires if you have any questions about the visit or the coach trip.</p>	<p>We will be learning about friendship groups and how they work. We will be learning the effects of smoking and alcohol on someone's health. We will also learn about peer pressure and how to deal with it.</p> <p>PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: people are sometimes put under pressure and can explain ways to resist this. They will be able to identify feelings of anxiety and fear associated with peer pressure.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>We will be having a DT week this half term. Children will be cooking savoury dishes and will learn about food hygiene.</p> <p>PUPILS WILL KNOW: How to store food hygienically and will prepare and cook a savoury dish. We will be cooking mini quiches and alternatives for children with egg or dairy allergies.</p>
PE	ICT	British Values	Christian Value	Key Vocabulary
<p>We will be carrying out lessons outdoors and with a focus on ball skills, sending and receiving skills and team games</p> <p>PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: communication in these 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.</p>	<p>We will learn how to be musicians. The children will learn how to use Audacity to sample, record and use different sounds and effects on a computer.</p> <p>PUPILS WILL KNOW: How to import sounds and sound files from different locations to reach a desired effect.</p>	<p>We will again 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.</p>	<p>We will be thinking about Trust and Truthfulness. We will be thinking about how we put faith in others and what we can do to show trust. We will take this further by thinking about how these things can be seen in the wider community and why telling the truth is an important part of life.</p>	<p>Non-chronological Fraction Numerator Denominator Tenth Hundredth Solid Liquid Gas Changing state Mixed number Improper Evidence Norsemen Sample Effect</p> <p>Gospel Communion Equivalent</p>