



St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School Year 4 AUTUMN 1 Curriculum Overview 2023-24

Key learning this half term

Literacy	Maths	Religious Education
This half term we will be reading the text 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne and 'Hansel and Gretel' by Neil Gaiman. We will use the picture book format in 'Zoo' and the familiar story format of 'Hansel and Gretel' to learn about effective descriptions and good sentence construction. We will write about our understanding of what we are reading by answering comprehension and inference style questions. We will write stories and write persuasively and we will develop our descriptive skills by looking at characters in the stories. Our grammar focus will be on conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and correct verb tense in sentences e.g 'I was' not 'we was'.	This half term we will be focusing on place value. We will be comparing numbers and representing them in different ways. We will also find 100 or 1000 more or less than a number. We will also look into rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. All of this learning will also be applied to number problems and practical problems. We will practise our times tables and corresponding division facts. Times table are an integral part of learning in Year 4. We will be completing the National Multiplication Table Checker in the Summer term. Please practise your times tables regularly at home. We will be focusing on the 3x, 4x and 6x tables this half term.	We will be asking the question, 'What is it like to follow God?' PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: • The Old Testament tells the story of a particular group of people, the children of Israel known as the People of God — and their relationship with God. • The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him. • The People of God believe he promises to stay with them and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises.

We are also studying:

Science	Geography	PSHE	Music	Art
We will be learning about animals and their habitats PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: animals can be broadly separated in to groups and will learn how to design and follow a classification key. They will learn about the environment and how humans affect animals' habitats in a positive and negative way.	We will be revisiting the topic of continents and climate change. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT the environment is changing due to human and physical contributions. They will look at atlases and know how grid references can be used to locate places. They will know different ways that the planet is being damaged and know how it is being helped.	We will be learning about how children can contribute positively in a variety of different situations. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: there are different features of positive relationships. They will know how to respond to hurtful behaviour and how to include others. They will know how to recognise and respect peoples' differences, E.g. gender, race, faith	Our topic is called How Does Music Bring Us Together? PUPILS WILL KNOW: how to play parts of different themed songs a glockenspiel. They will develop their musical history knowledge and compose their own music. Children will also learn about musical notation and know what the notes stand for on a stave.	PUPILS WILL KNOW: how to develop tone, detail, pencil control and shading when drawing. They will also know how to draw natural objects with detail. They will know how to experiment with different tones of pencil through drawing and sketching.
PE	ICT	Christian Value	Reminders	Key Vocabulary
We will be carrying out lessons outdoors and with a focus on Football. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: communication in team activities is very important. They will also develop correct approaches for passing and shooting and look at ways to develop coordination with footwork.	We will be learning about e- safety and software designing. PUPILS WILL KNOW: how to log on to computers safely. They will know how to access, save and name their files. They will also know how to use the Internet safely and search effectively. They will know how to open, edit and save Scratch projects. They will also understand the basic concepts of algorithms and how to change this into coding.	We will be thinking about Compassion. We will look at the importance of showing care and concern to others and we will look at stories that help convey this message. The British Value is Mutual Respect. We will look at how we can show understanding, empathy and how we can value other viewpoints and opinions.	PE is on Wednesdays for Canada and Italy. Canada will go swimming on Tuesdays. Italy will go on Thursdays. Homework will be handed out on Friday. Please bring it in the following Wednesday. It will be a times table activity from a book, which will be given to every child, or a Literacy task from a different book. These will be set on alternate weeks. Spellings will also be set weekly.	Pact Mammal Reptile Amphibian Composition Improvisation Democracy Tone Grid reference Continent Global warming Deforestation Respect Software Teamwork