



P.E

During indoor PE sessions, the children will be using core strength and co-ordination in a dance based module. They will also be improving their athletic skills and setting themselves targets . In outdoor games, they will be learning key basketball skills to improve their hand/eye co-ordination as well as skills associated with football.

PERSONAL, HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION (PHRE)

The children will be able to talk about issues that concern them during themed class discussions to build confidence and self-esteem, thinking about themselves and their relationship with others.

In the second half of the autumn term, children will cover the topic 'Valuing Differences', continuing to build on confidence and self-esteem.



HOME LEARNING

Home learning will be set on a Friday and is due the following Wednesday. Spellings will be set on a Friday on Spelling Shed and the children will be tested on them the following Thursday. The children will also be expected to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars ready for a times tables challenge every Thursday or Friday.

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD

- Please read with your child regularly and talk about the book, e.g. discuss a character, predict the ending, discuss unfamiliar vocabulary.
- Encourage your child to read for pleasure. This may take the form of researching a topic being taught in school.
- Help your child with their Home Learning activities.
- Help your child to solidify their times tables knowledge, including X0, X1, X5 and X10 tables. Then move onto x2 and x4.
- Encourage your child to read the time to the quarter hour using digital and analogue clocks.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you this year!

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St. Walburga's Catholic Primary School



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In R.E. this term we will be studying the following topics: in our new RE scheme:

- Creation and Covenant - children will encounter texts where God creates and calls people. Children will explore the Christian belief that everything comes from God through the Book of Genesis. They will consider how they and others respond to that call.
- Prophecy and Promise—Linking with the Advent season, this branch teaches the mystery of the birth of Jesus. We will read the stories of the prophets in the Old Testament and how God's promise is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.



ENGLISH—WRITING

The children will encounter a range of texts including, stories with familiar settings, information books and non-chronological reports. They will be exposed to a variety of high quality texts to support them in drafting their own writing. Emphasis will also be on sentence construction and punctuation, including different sentence types and using question marks and exclamation marks.

ENGLISH—READING

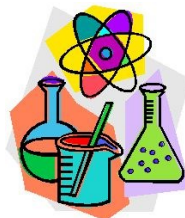
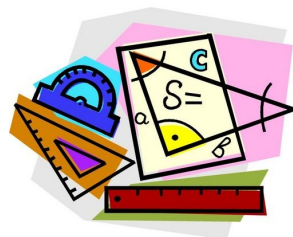
The children will be exploring a range of texts linked to our topics and GPS objectives. The reading curriculum will stretch across all subjects with an emphasis on their understanding of words and context. The objectives will be based on the reading content domains for Key Stage 2, encouraging an enjoyment of reading and exploring new vocabulary.



MATHS

This term, the maths work will include place value up to 999. The children will be learning to use the formal written method for addition and subtraction as well as mental strategies. They will also be working on multiplication and division, including strengthening their times tables knowledge.

They will be taught and encouraged to use different strategies to deal with problem solving and mental maths. The children will be solidifying their knowledge of how to use the four operations and make the inverse links.



SCIENCE

Our first topic is 'Rocks and Soils' with specific reference to comparing different types of rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. We will look at how fossils are formed and investigate what soils are made up of. Animals including Humans will be the second topic we cover this year.

COMPUTING

In Computing, the children will be looking at e-safety and the importance of being safe when using computers. They will then be familiarising themselves with basic computing skills and understanding how devices work.



GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, the children will be learning how to read maps and use atlases. There will be a focus on the local area.



HISTORY

In History the children will be looking at changes in Britain from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age; this includes thinking about migration, settlement, farming, inventions, trade, society, culture, beliefs, and kingdoms.



ART and DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

In Art, the children will be developing their drawing and printing skills. They will be exploring different artists this term.

In Design & Technology, the children will be designing and creating a wooden tree decoration selecting the appropriate tools and resources. They will then evaluate their final piece against their original design and the design criteria.



MUSIC

In Music, the children get the opportunity to learn about rhythm and song structure.