Big Question

Is death always sad?



Year 4

Autumn 2

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

By the end of this half term, the children will know…

- Sunday is the day of resurrection and that is why Christians go to Mass on Sundays
- The birth of Jesus was foretold by Prophets
- How to spell words ending with –tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian
- How to use fronted adverbials in writing and inverted commas to indicate direct speech
- What area is
- How to multiply and divide by 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12
- Different states of matter
- The impact of the Romans on Britain
- The location, climate and main physical features of Italy
- How to sew using a cross stitch, running stitch, over stich and back stitch
- God created us to be loved and to share love and make a difference
- Basic greetings and numbers to 20 in Spanish

Caritas Theme

Family and Community

Who is in my community?

CST

November – Remembrance

Switch Off Fortnight
10/11/26-23/11/26

Anti-Bullying Week
16/11/26-20/11/26
Odd Socks Day on 16/11/26

Advent Giving

Holy Days

All Saints Day
1st November

All Souls Day
2nd November

Advent
1/12/26

Celebrations

De Los Muertos – Day of the Dead
2nd November

Remembrance Day
11th November

UK Parliament Week
23/11/26-29/11/26

Core Subjects

Religion

Branch Two: Prophecy and Promise

Hear

- The miracle of the flour and the oil (1 Kings 17:7-14), Elijah's encounter with God: the journey 1 Kings 19:4-8, The meeting: 1 Kings 19:9-15, The preaching of John the Baptist (Matt 3:1-12 and Mk 1:1-8), Isaiah 40:3 (contained within the gospel accounts), The ancestry of Jesus (Matt 1:1-17)

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know some facts about:

- The importance of understanding historical context to appreciate the literal sense of biblical stories.
- What is meant by 'prophecy'

Believe - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches:

- For Christians, the prophets awaken an expectation of the coming of the Messiah in people's hearts.
- John the Baptist is sent to prepare the way for Jesus.
- In the Advent liturgies, Christians pray for the second coming of Jesus alongside preparing for Christmas.
- Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' incarnation at Christmas and for the second coming as King of the Universe.

Celebrate - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- The Feast of Christ the King.
- The Jesse tree.
- 'He will come again in glory' from the Nicene Creed.

Live - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- How Christians prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent.
- How Christians use the Jesse tree during Advent, identifying its meaning and representation in art around the world, connecting to God's plan for salvation.
- How some artists have depicted Jesus Christ as King.

English

Phonics

- Embed Year 3: Words with endings that sound like /zh/ + /ə/ + /n/
- Introduce: Adding the suffix -ation to verbs to form nouns e.g. information, adoration
- Introduce: Endings that sound like /zh/ + /ə/ + /n/ spelt tion where the root word ends in t or te e.g. e.g. invention
- Introduce: Endings that sound like /zh/ + /ə/ + /n/ spelt -sion where the root word ends in in d or se e.g. expansion
- Introduce: Endings that sound like /zh/ + /ə/ + /n/ spelt -ssion where the root word ends in ss or mit e.g. discussion
- Introduce: Endings that sound like /zh/ + /ə/ + /n/ spelt -cian where the root word ends in c or sc e.g. musician
- Introduce: Silent letters b
- Embed Year 3: Possessive apostrophe -s (with plural words)
- Introduce: Additional new homophones/ near homophones
- Statutory Word List Words: favourite, mention, fruit, grammar, enough, imagine, increase, knowledge, through, material, busy/business

Writing
Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann

GENRE- Narrative- Outsider Narrative
GENRE- Information Report

GPS- Fronted adverbials, use of inverted commas to indicate direct speech

Maths

Area

- What is area?
- Count squares
- Make shapes
- Compare areas

Multiplication and Division

- Multiples of 3
- Multiply and divide by 6
- 6 times-table and division facts
- Multiply and divide by 9
- 9 times-table and division facts
- The 3, 6 and 9 times-table
- Multiply and divide by 7
- 7, 11, 12 times-table and division facts
- Multiply by 1 and 0
- Divide a number by 1 and itself
- Multiply three numbers

Science

States of Matter

- Use equipment
- Plan – melting experiment
- Investigate – melting experiment
- The water cycle
- Plan – evaporation experiment
- Investigate - evaporation experiment
- Evaluate - evaporation experiment

Foundation Subjects

History

The Romans
Concepts: Settlement, Migration, Technological Advancement and Trade

- To know that Christianity was introduced under Roman rule.
- To know the differences between Roman settlements and Celtic villages.
- To know the impact of the Romans on Britain.

Family and Community
The human person is scared and social. Organisation of society has an impact on the growth of each person – consider how the Romans did this

Computing

Creating Media
Photo Editing

- To explain that the composition of digital images can be changed
- To explain that colours can be changed in digital images
- To explain how cloning can be used in photo editing
- To explain that images can be combined
- To combine images for a purpose
- To evaluate how changes can improve an image

Geography

Italy
Concepts: Place, Space, Scale, Environment and Interconnections

- To recall and locate the continents and oceans of the world, countries of the UK and their capital cities and surrounding seas
- To recall the features of a river
- To know and understand the location of Italy
- To identify Italy's main physical features
- To understand the climate of Italy

Stewardship
Our Common Home is global and we should care for it all
Solidarity and the Common Good
We are people of God. Italy is our neighbour.

Design and Technology

Textiles
Christmas Stocking

- To investigate and evaluate a range of Christmas stockings
- To practise cross stitching, running stitching and over stitching.
- To learn the skill of sewing backstitch
- To design a Christmas stocking to hold an orange and to make a pattern piece and prototype
- To make a Christmas stocking by sewing using back stitch, cross stitch, running stitch and over stitch with more accuracy
- To evaluate the finished Christmas stocking

Art and Design

Print, Colour, Collage
Exploring Pattern

- To expand what drawing and pattern can be by making a sensory drawing.
- To devise my own rules to help with making a drawing?
- To design my own pattern thinking about colour, composition, and shape.
- To display the work made through the half term and reflect on the outcomes.

PSHRE

Created and Loved by God

- Know that we are created by God who loves us
- Understand that God designed us with a purpose: to be loved, to love and to make a difference

Physical Education

Fitness

- Explain how the body reacts to different kinds of exercise.
- Explain how they can improve their performance in the Red Devils Challenge.
- Explain some important safety principles when preparing for exercise.

Spanish

- Greetings
- Numbers to 20
- Classroom instructions