



St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Christ at the heart of all we do

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. We are looking forward to a busy term ahead and the exciting run up to Christmas. Please refer to the newsletters and the website for details 😊

RE

Prophecy and Promise

In this unit, the children will learn how Sunday is a holy day for Christians, making simple links between the story of Creation (Gen 1:1- 2:4) and Sunday as a day of rest. They will learn some special prayers, signs and actions performed in church and at Mass. We will be exploring how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appears and the children will learn to make links between the angel's message about Jesus and the words of the prophet Isaiah.

MATHS

We will be finishing off our Addition and Subtraction unit to begin this term, working towards adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers and finding the complements to 100. Following that, we will be moving on to multiplication and division, practising the 3 x table number facts as well as the corresponding division facts.

We are aiming for quick-recall of these, for example $9 \times 3 = ?$ $33 \div 3 = ?$ $? \div 3 = 7$ etc

At home: You could help by encouraging your child to access the mathshed lesson each week as well as practising quick fire questions on the 3 x table facts.

ENGLISH

Our English work will be linked to our topic in Geography and we will be starting by studying some themes and ideas in the book 'Winter's Child' by Angela McAllister. The children learn to use inverted commas to punctuate speech, create characters, settings and plot and to use conjunctions and adverbs in a fantasy story based on a fable.

The children will be reading from a variety of text-styles and authors in school; they will also choose books from the class library. We teach reading skills through shared reading and this term will focus on information retrieval.

At home:

Please ask questions about word meaning and about the plot and character when you are reading with your child. Alternating the reading between adult and child is also a good way to promote understanding and a love of reading.

SPELLING

Children will be learning to spell and use the words from the Year 3 spelling objectives. They will be given out at the beginning of each half-term and will be tested each week on Mondays. Please refer to the list for Autumn 2 spellings.

SCIENCE

Light

In Science this half term, we will be investigating 'Light'. The children will learn that we need light in order to see, and that darkness is an absence of light. We will investigate reflection and shadows, as well as how to protect our eyes from sunlight.

We are looking forward to our class trip to 'Xplore! Science Discovery Centre' to take part in a 'Light' workshop, which will bring to life what we are learning this half term.

GEOGRAPHY

Rivers and the Water Cycle

In this unit, we will be learning about where water comes from, the water cycle and we will be studying what shapes rivers, both far and near. The children will learn the names for particular features of rivers, eg mouth, source. They will learn about changes to rivers due to erosion and deposition. We have organised a trip to our local River Weaver for next term, when children will be able to see first-hand how the course of the river changed in Nantwich.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Let's Go Fly a Kite

This term the children will be researching, designing, making and evaluating their own kite. They will be using their creative skills as well as finding out about structures and how to strengthen and improve their designs.

P.E

The children will continue to have PE sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays each week; please send your child into school wearing the appropriate school PE kit on both days. We will be learning the skills of Netball and Dance, as well as keeping active on our St Anne's Mile track as often as possible.

COMPUTING

Creating Media -Stop frame animation

In this unit, we will use a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using tablets. Next, the children will learn to apply those skills to create a story-based animation. They will then learn to add other types of media to their animation, such as music and text.

FRENCH

Animals

In this unit pupils will learn 10 familiar animals and be introduced to the 1st person singular high frequency verb 'I am' in the foreign language. By the end of the unit pupils will be able to recognise, recall, remember and spell up to 10 animals with their indefinite article. This is one of the first sentence building units where pupils will have the knowledge and skills to be able create short phrases with the verb 'I am' plus the animal nouns and determiners.

MUSIC

Christmas Singing

In this unit, the children will learn to sing in tune and with expression. They will learn the meaning of some Italian terms, such as 'forte' and will practise performing a simple accompaniment. They will begin to identify different styles of music.

HOMEWORK

In Key Stage Two, homework will be set weekly and will be sent home in your child's learning log (book)

- Spellings to learn
- One piece of work related to their current class work. This can be from any subject.

Your child will also receive weekly Maths homework which they can access online via **Mathshed**.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs James