

Year 3/4 Pentecost 1 Newsletter

Dates for your diary!

Wednesday 17th April - 24th April

Book Fair

Tuesday 23th April

Year 3/4 class to St Francis Church for Mass

Thursday 9th May

Ascension day Mass in school @ 2pm (families welcome)

Friday 17th May

Year 3 class Charity Coffee Morning

Friday 17th May

Celebration of the Word for Blessed Virgin Mary (families welcome)

Welcome Back to Pentecost 1

We are excited to be exploring a wide range of foundation topics, with a focus on the Anglo Saxons in our history - this moves along nicely from our Romans topic last term, so we hope children can link their knowledge.

Ms Copeland's class have been working with a performance artist as a part of a long term Oracy research project with the Paul Hamlin Trust. The goal of the project is to improve student and teacher confidence in using Drama, and develop their Oracy skills. As such, our French and Music curriculum has changed slightly for Pentecost 1 and these will be covered in Pentecost 2 instead.

Please remember that if you want to give your class teacher a message, the home-school diaries are ideal for this, especially for end-of-the-day arrangements.

Thank you

Mrs Hickling, Mrs Young and Ms Copeland

Writing

We are looking at two text types this term:
Myths and Legends and writing a character description.

Year 3 skills

Express time, place and cause using prepositions.

Use organisational devices for paragraphs

A range of sentence structures.

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Year 4 skills

Noun phrases expanded by nouns and prepositions.

Pronouns and nouns to avoid repetition.

Direct speech, correctly punctuated.

Range of sentences with more than one clause

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Maths

Year 3 Week 1 and 2 - Fractions

Adding and subtracting fractions, Unit and non-unit fractions of objects

Year 3 Week 3 and 4 - Money

Adding and subtracting pounds and pence, finding change

Year 3 Week 5 and 6 - Shape

Right angles, parallel and perpendicular lines, drawing polygons, describing 2d and 3d shapes

Year 4 Week 1 and 2 - Decimals

Partitioning decimals, comparing and ordering decimals, rounding to the nearest whole number

Year 4 week 3 and 4 - Money

Comparing, estimating and calculating money, solving problems

Year 4 week 5 and 6 - Statistics and times tables

Interpreting charts and line graphs, drawing line graphs

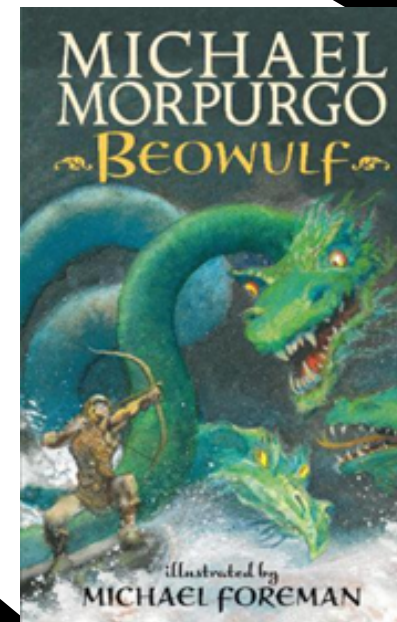
Reading

Year 3

Children will be recognising literary conventions of myths and legends, and identifying language feature of different text types.

Year 4

Children will be checking that texts are meaningful and using context to understand words, and using text marking to identify key information.



RE

Our topic, for both Year 3 and 4, is called 'To the End of the Earth'.

Year 3

Children will develop their understanding of Pentecost and how the disciples took Jesus' message forward to today. We will examine scripture that shows this. We will develop further understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how Christians show the Holy Spirit. We will learn about the Holy Trinity and the three persons of God.

Year 4

Children will consider Peter's journey after Jesus' ascension and the development, growth and structure of the Catholic church. We will learn the Apostles' Creed and what it means as a declaration of Faith.

Year 3 and 4 will also look in depth at Mary's role in the Catholic Church during the month of May.

SCIENCE

Children will be learning about Electricity and Habitats:

- Building and drawing circuits
- Conductors and insulators
- Conductivity
- Human impact on habitats
- Classification keys for plants and animals

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HISTORY

In History, we are looking at the Anglo Saxons:

- Why they invaded Britain
- Normal Anglo Saxon life, including what Sutton Hoo can tell us
- The conversion to Christianity
- Alfred the Great
- The end of Anglo Saxon rule

COMPUTING

Year 3 pupils will learn about desktop publishing:

- Text and images to communicate messages
- Using templates with publishing software
- Comparing to handmade work

Year 4 pupils will be looking at photo editing:

- Exploring the many tools to edit
- The impact of editing images
- Proposing a technical and ethical editing guide

DT

We will be learning about Construction through constructing castles:

- Strong and stable shapes
- Designing a castle
- Constructing 3d nets
- Constructing and evaluating

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be Exploring emotions.

- Recognising emotions and that different emotions can often conflict
- Responding appropriately to others' emotions
- How our actions affect ourselves and others
- Ways to deal with emotions

MUSIC

Our new music topic is called 'Ballads' and we will be looking specifically at:

- Features of a ballad
- Performing a song with lyrics and actions
- Writing to accompany a storyline
- Writing lyrics which rhyme
- Performing a song

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PE

All pupils will be learning about

- The importance of warming up
- The health benefits of keeping fit
- Muscle groups
- Improving your work through comparison

Forest Schools

Forest schools will continue as before.

As we move into the summer months, please ensure children bring in the correct Forest

School uniform:

Wellies (not trainers)

Jogging bottoms to cover legs

Waterproofs

A warm jumper to cover arms

FRENCH

We are going to be learning the following in French:

- Reading and understanding short sentences
- Creating sentences
- Presenting spoken text
- Identify cognates and near cognates and use the correct definite article
- Express opinions using plural nouns