St. Francis - Term 2



English

This term, we will complete Carrie's War as our base novel and then delve into Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' to coincide with the Christmas festivities. We shall explore various writing genres, including writing in role, a balanced argument and Christmas poetry.

Maths

We will solve number and practical problems that involve all of the following:

- Using common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination
- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Adding/subtracting fractions with different denominations and mixed numbers
- Multiplying and dividing fractions
- Associating fractions with their decimal equivalents

PSHE

We will be discussing peer pressure and bullying and how it presents itself in various forms. We will also examine it in light of Jesus' expectations of us as members of His kingdom and His teachings on justice and how we should treat people.

Spanish

The children will learn new vocabulary enabling them to read, understand and write descriptions of homes and houses, including adjectives to describe rooms.

Computing – Web page creation

We will be introduced to the creation of websites for a chosen purpose. We will identify what makes a good web page and then design and evaluate our own website using Google Sites, thinking about copyright, aesthetics and navigation paths.

History – Rebuilding Britain Post 1945

This is a historical investigation of the latter stages of World War 2 and how Britain was rebuilt. In the years after the end of WWII, a number of extraordinary changes took place in Britain. Aspects of 'rebuilding' which are addressed include: initial rebuilding in the cities; the creation of the NHS and the Welfare State; how and why so many British colonies became independent after the war; the 'Windrush' of immigration from the Caribbean to Britain; and the creation of 'New Towns'.

PE – Multi-skills and Badminton

As well as Multi skills, pupils will understand the rules of Badminton and explore different footwork patterns and strike the shuttlecock effectively. All the skills will be applied to game situations.

Music

This term we will be singing as part of an ensemble, as well as appreciating and understanding a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music.

RE – Prophecy and Promise

This term we will be reflecting on the importance of women, including Mary, in the history of salvation and how some women today answer God's call. We will explore the Christian belief that Mary is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises, making relevant links to Luke 1:26–56 and the accounts of the women of the Old Testament.
In RSE, we will be looking at how we can use our God-given talents, as well as discussing how we should respect and take care of our bodies as gifts from God.

Science – Electricity

This term the children will consolidate and extend previous learning from Year 4 by constructing simple series circuits and drawing them using scientific symbols. The children will conduct investigations to determine how the voltage in a circuit affects the brightness of a bulb. They will also use their 'working scientifically' skills to plan an experiment to investigate variations in how components function and use the results to write a clear and concise conclusion. They will use the internet to research information about renewable and non-renewable energy sources and communicate this information in the form of a leaflet.

DT – Cooking and Nutrition

This term we will create a WWII 'style' pie inspired by Lord Woolton. This will include:

- researching ingredients aligned with the era (rationing and seasonality)
- understanding what a healthy and varied diet should consist of
- using cooking skills with appropriate independence.