



OUR CURRICULUM AT HOLY GHOST

A simple guide to what your child will learn

Year Group: 6

Term: Autumn 1

Teacher: Ms Zammit

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below our curriculum for Autumn 1 term.

ENGLISH

Topic: Poetry: Exploring personal experiences and emotions through poetry

What we will be learning:

Narrative Poetry “And I Climbed And I Climbed” by Stephen Lightbown and Shih-You Lin.

Key knowledge and skills:

- Identify and explain how poetic devices, language, structure and layout create meaning and emotional impact.
- Interpret and perform poems using pace, tone, volume, rhythm and expression to engage an audience.
- Compose, edit and present original poetry, making deliberate choices about form, language and structure for effect.
- Write effectively from a particular viewpoint, using appropriate structure, tone and language to communicate thoughts, feelings and ideas.

MATHEMATICS

Topic: Place Value; Addition and Subtraction; Multiplication and Division.

What we will be learning:

Children will learn to understand numbers to 10 million and how their values relate, develop efficient methods to add and subtract large numbers and develop fluency and efficient methods for multiplying and dividing.

Key knowledge and Skills:

- Read, order and compare numbers
- Round numbers
- Use negative numbers
- Written methods
- Estimation and checking
- Problem solving
- Times tables

SCIENCE

Topic: Light

What we will be learning:

Pupils will learn how light travels, how we see objects, and how shadows are formed and change.

Key knowledge and skills:

- Understand that light travels in straight lines.
- Explain that we see objects when light enters our eyes.
- Recognise that objects are seen because they reflect light.
- Investigate how shadows are formed when light is blocked.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Topic: Creation and Covenant

What we will be learning:

Pupils will explore the Creation stories, the Fall and original sin, Jesus as the New Covenant, Baptism, the Nicene Creed, and our responsibility to care for Creation.

Key knowledge and skills:

- Explore Genesis 2–3, including Creation, the Fall, sin and free will.
- Explain how sin damages relationships with God, others and Creation.

- Explore how changing the position of a light source, object or shadow affects the size and shape of a shadow.
- Plan and carry out investigations, recording, comparing and explaining results.

- Understand Jesus as the New Covenant and how he restores our relationship with God.
- Explain the meaning of Baptism and the Nicene Creed.
- Understand stewardship and *Laudato Si*'s teaching on caring for Creation.
- Explore how faith and science can work together, including Georges Lemaître.

HISTORY

Enquiry Question: How has Crime and Punishment changed throughout history?

What we will be learning:

Pupils will explore how crime and punishment has changed from Ancient Rome to the present day, and how society's attitudes towards crime have influenced these changes.

Key knowledge

- Understand how crime and punishment changed over time.
- Understand how society influenced crime and punishment.
- Recognise that new crimes require new policing methods.

Key Skills

- Use historical vocabulary, dates and timelines accurately.
- Identify and compare primary and secondary sources.
- Evaluate sources by considering evidence, conclusions and omissions.

ART & DESIGN

Artist/Topic: Craft and Design: Photo Opportunity.

What we will be learning:

Pupils will develop photography, composition and design skills to create imaginative artwork and photorealistic images.

Key knowledge

- Understand photomontage, photography and digital art.
- Understand composition, proportion and design.
- Recognise and apply artists' styles and techniques.

Key Skills

- Use photography and digital editing.
- Create effective compositions and photographs.
- Use observation and proportion to create photorealistic art.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Activities: Swimming, Tag Rugby and Football

- Develop stroke technique and stamina.
- Learn water safety and survival skills.
- Develop passing, catching and running skills.
- Use space, teamwork and tactics in games.
- Develop passing, dribbling and ball control.
- Use space, teamwork and tactics in games.

COMPUTING

Topic: Communication and Collaboration

- Understand internet addresses and how data is transferred.
- Understand how technology helps us communicate and work together online.
- Evaluate different methods of online communication and collaboration.

RSE

Topic: Created and Loved by God

- Explore change, growth and development.
- Understand the importance of trust and relationships.

MUSIC

Topic: Jazz

- Children will learn about the key features of jazz music with a focus on swung rhythms and improvisation.

- Reflect on how Jesus supports us through challenges.

- Children will learn the melody to a jazz standard, then build the structure around this with call and response, improvisation and jazz motifs, both using their voices and tuned instruments.

FRENCH

Topic: Traditions and Celebrations

- Pupils will have the knowledge and skills necessary to ask and respond to key questions in the foreign language about 5 key traditions and celebrations in the French-speaking world.

Year 6 Events this Term

- Friday 25th September - Whole School Mass.
- Friday 25th September - TFL Safety Workshop for Year 6 pupils.
- Tuesday 29th September - Year 6 Mass.
- Wednesday 7th October - Tower of London Year 6 School Trip.
- Wednesday 14th October - Year 6 Class Assembly.
- Friday 16th October - Year 5 and 6 Reading and Writing Session.

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

Simple, regular routines can make a real difference in Year 6. This includes: encouraging daily reading, practising times tables and number facts, completing homework and talking about their learning. Encouraging your child to be organised, independent and confident will also help them make the most of this important year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ms Zammit