



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

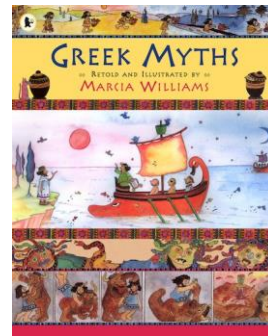
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring term (second half)



We are pleased to be able to share with you the content of the curriculum that your children will receive until half term. This half term, all our learning is centred around social justice. The children will be learning about the experiences of refugees and thinking, in an age appropriate manner, about the issues surrounding the refugee question.

ENGLISH

We continue with our Ancient Greek theme, reading the beautifully illustrated 'Greek Myths', compiled by Marcia Williams.



In our reading comprehension sessions, the children also experience a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, based on a range of subjects relating to the whole curriculum and to special events.

Please continue to read the book sent home from school with your child at least four times a week.

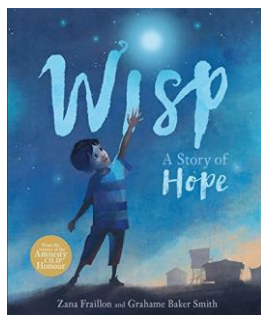
Read Theory continues to be our English homework and is a fantastic way of developing children's comprehension skills at their own level. Please contact school if you have lost your log in.

ENGLISH – writing

We base the teaching of our writing on the language and structure found in quality texts.

Narrative writing:

Our writing this term is linked to our refugee topic. The children will be reading 'Wisp: a Story of Hope' by Zana Fraillon., This beautiful story explores how hope can bring light to even the darkest of places. The children will be producing a range of creative writing in response.



SPELLINGS:

Spelling lessons take place weekly in each class. The spelling rules we will be covering this term are:

-Words where 'au' makes

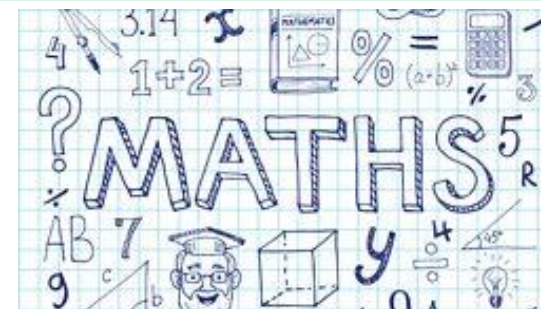
an /or/ sound

-Words ending in '-tion'

-Words ending in '-sion'

-Words ending in '-cian'

-Words that are adverbs of manner



This half term we will cover the following topics:

- Perimeter
- Fractions
- Decimals

For each topic, we work through the following sequence, encouraging the mastery approach in Maths which helps the children to apply their knowledge:

1. We practise the skill.
2. We link the skill to questions involving units of measure.
3. We complete missing box questions relating to the skill.
4. We answer reasoning questions based on the skill.
5. We problem solve, applying the skill we have learnt.

You can view our calculation policy on the school website, which may help you to understand how we teach Maths in school.

<https://www.spcj.co.uk/letters/> We will also complete weekly basic skills sessions, which help the children to practise core mathematical skills

Maths homework is set weekly on Seesaw. All children also have their TT Rock Stars logins to help them improve their times tables fluency.

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Here are our topics for this half term:

GIVING AND RECEIVING:

In our giving and receiving topic, the children will explore how the Eucharist helps us to deepen our relationship with God and with each other.

SELF DISCIPLINE:

The children learn about journey in growth to new life through self discipline, following the example of Jesus.

Year 4 children will be presenting the story of Easter through song, story and drama at the end of this term. We will let you know dates as soon as possible!

Children will also be continuing with preparations for their First Holy Communion, which take place in May. Children will be attending morning mass once this half term, getting to know and understand the mass before taking communion for themselves.

PSHE

Here are our topics for this half term:

CHANGING EMOTIONS:

In this topic we will be:

- Gaining a deeper understanding of the range and intensity of our feelings and that positive actions help emotional well-being.

MUSIC

BBC Ten Pieces – 'No Place Like'

This unit focuses on classical music, using the brilliant resources from BBC Ten Pieces. We will explore this piece of music, create our own graphic scores and then compose our own themes, based upon our learning.

DT

'Food Technology'

This half term, two classes will complete Food Technology lessons each week, working with our specialist teacher to learn about healthy eating and how to prepare nutritious meals.

Art

'Matisse'

This half term, the other two classes will study the life and work of Henri Matisse, looking particularly at his later prints and collages. These will then be used as inspiration for the children to create their own prints based upon the theme, 'Hope'.



SPANISH

In the first half of term, our specialist Spanish teacher will be revising how to say the names of animals in Spanish, before moving onto creating sentences describing in which habitats they may be found.

"Nos gusta aprender español en St Paul's."



PE

'Athletics'

In this unit, pupils will develop basic running, jumping and throwing techniques. They are set challenges for distance and time that involve using different styles and combinations of running, jumping and throwing. As in all athletic activities, pupils think about how to achieve their greatest possible speed, distance or accuracy and learn how to persevere to achieve their personal best.

If you have any questions about our curriculum, or any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

The Year 4 teaching team:

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