

Curriculum Information

RE – A Virtuous Life

We will learn what a parable is, explore the parable of the Mustard Seed and learn how belief in the Kingdom of Heaven is expressed in parables. We will think about ways in which we can make God's Kingdom on earth and we will also learn about people who live their whole life in response to their belief.

Literacy – Fantasy Stories/ Poetry/Stories from other Cultures

We will learn about performance poetry and write and perform our own poems. Our creative writing will link with our Regent's Park Open Air Theatre trip. We will focus on descriptive writing and look at how language can be used to create images, then we will write our own fantasy story.

Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation (ongoing)

We will continue adding suffixes and prefixes to words and recap on work covered so far. Our work on punctuation will be ongoing, e.g. correct use of capital letters, full stops, commas, speech marks etc. A list of spellings will be sent home weekly and your child should practise them in preparation for the following week's dictation.

We will recap on past, present and present perfect tenses and revise connectives, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause. We will continue to make our writing more interesting by using fronted adverbials, i.e. starting sentences in different ways (Later that day... Walking quickly... In the morning...) and using complex sentences. We will also continue to use and punctuate direct speech.

Numeracy

This half term we will revise/extend/reteach all the areas that we have covered so far, including:

Place Value

Fractions and Decimals

Number (addition/subtraction/multiplication/division)

Measurement (Time)

Statistics (bar charts/line graphs)

Topic Work (Ancient Greece)

We will learn what is meant by a democracy and look at the people of Sparta and Athens. We will investigate the religious beliefs of ancient Greeks looking in particular at the significance of Mount Olympus, The Parthenon and the gods and goddesses. We will also learn about some styles and features of Greek architecture and investigate Ancient Greek theatre. We will end our study of Ancient Greece with a 'Greek Day' where we will dress in the style of Ancient Greeks, sample some Greek food and create some art work (more details will follow nearer the time).

Science

In our topic on Sound we will explore how we hear sounds and begin to consider ways to reduce what we can hear. We will investigate vibrations and how sound travels. We will also be making our own telephones.

PE/Games

Sports Day preparation and tennis.

ICT

We will continue with our work on Garage Band and use computer programs to edit music and to create and develop a digital musical composition. We will also use data loggers to collect temperature data and we will use Excel spreadsheets to create charts and graphs.

E-Safety – we will continue to learn about the importance of staying safe online and recap on the ways in which we can stay safe when using the internet and other electronic media, e.g. mobile phones.

We hope you find this information useful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to us.

The Year 4 Team