

# St Philip's Catholic Primary School

Spring Term 2024

Year 6 St Francis Class



## The prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy;

## **Learning Journey**

Our Learning Journey for Spring Term is called: *It's All Greek to Me*. We focus on the Ancient Greek civilisation, spanning from 800BC to 200BC.

Year 6 will have their class residential to Hindleap Warren.

## **English**

This term we will be exploring a range of classic and modern texts, as well as the use of multimedia to generate high-quality writing. We will be reading a variety of Greek myths to pair with our history learning; pupils will create their own Greek god and will write a myth modelled after the texts that we read. Children will also be writing suspense stories based on the video *Alma*, non-chronological reports about *Avatar's* Pandora and persuasive writing where children will create and advertise their own chocolate product.

## **Maths**

In our maths lessons, we will revisit some topics including place value and ordering, multiplication and division, word problems, handling data, addition and subtraction, times tables and related facts and arithmetic. We will also introduce new topics such as measure and time problems, further work on percentages, decimals and fractions, perimeter, area and volume and ratio and proportion.

## **RE - Please see attached sheet**

Year 6 now follow the Religious Education Directory scheme 'To know You more clearly'. This Spring term the children will focus on two 'branches'. The first being 'Galilee to Jerusalem', where they will study the gospel of St John. Pupils will explore the seven signs of John's gospel and one of Jesus' 'I am' statements. The second branch will be 'Desert to Garden'. As the Church moves through the season of Lent, pupils will look at the rich symbolism of St John's account at the end of Jesus' earthly life. St John's gospel looks to bring out the significance of all that Jesus did in light of his resurrection.

## **History and Geography**

In the Spring Term, our topic is 'It's All Greek to Me' during which we will study the influence the Ancient Greeks had on the world. We will prepare a timeline showing the Ancient Greeks' period of rule and we will learn about the arrival of democracy. Children will explore Greek theatre, maps, heroes and gods. Our DT topic will link - designing and making a wooden version of the Parthenon.

## Science

- **Animals including humans** - We learn about the parts and function of the heart, lungs and blood. The children will look at the effects of drugs and alcohol on their bodies and will learn how to keep themselves healthy.
- **Light and how we see things** - Children will learn about light, shadows, the health of our eyes and how we see things.

## P.E.

- **Tag Rugby/Hockey** - In invasion games, they will learn how to enter their opponent's territory with the ball and try to get into good positions. They will think about how to use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. We will use strategic games to practise footwork, passing and defending.
- **Personal Fitness** - In connection with our science unit on circulation, children will be developing personal fitness through circuit training. They will be measuring the impact on their heartrate, as well as learning about the different muscle groups that we need to exercise.

## Music

- **Growth** - Children will explore Ravel's Bolero through rhythmical mime, learn songs with instrumental accompaniments, and create a dance to build into a street performance.
- **Roots** - Children explore traditional Ghanaian songs and percussion rhythms.

## D&T/Art

- **People in motion** - In this art unit, children explore the proportions of the human body; they will learn to draw a static body and then use this skill to draw a figure in motion. We will also look at how backgrounds are affected by movement.
- In **D&T**, we will build on our Greek topic, designing a model-sized version of the Parthenon - a temple dedicated to the Goddess Athena.

## Spanish

Children will explore how to have a conversation about their weekends. They will also explore the Olympics.

## PSHE

**Created to Love Others** - We explore the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe.

## Computing

**Web page creation** - Learners will be introduced to creating websites for a chosen purpose. Learners identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website using Google Sites.

**Spreadsheets** - Children will be supported in organising data into columns and rows to create their own data set. Learners will be taught the importance of formatting data to support calculations, while also being introduced to formulas and will begin to understand how they can be used to produce calculated data.

## Homework

In line with the current school homework policy this will be set every Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. This will include spellings each week, maths homework and another piece of work. Reading and times tables practice should happen, as usual, every week.