


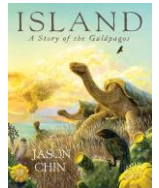



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CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 4 Autumn Term 2



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
English 	<p>In our English we are linking our writing to our topic all about 'Our town and the Isle of Wight'. We will be looking at writing our own descriptive setting.</p> <p>We are doing a deep dive study of the text 'Amazing islands 100+ Places That Will Boggle Your Mind', where we will focus on writing our very own descriptive setting based on our own made up island.</p>	<p>Practise the Year 3/4 statutory spellings with your child at home – as well as writing them, you could play games to help learn them.</p> <p>Talk about The Island with your child - what do they know about it?</p> <p>Practice handwriting by writing sentences with your child. This will help build muscle memory for independent writing.</p>
Reading 	<p>This half term we are looking at the story of the Galapagos Islands, through the text 'Island'. It is a lovely story about the creatures and atmosphere of this special island.</p> <p>We will share our ideas and opinions about the text, using inference and comprehension to answer questions, and finally reaching a conclusion about our feelings on the book.</p>	<p>Read frequently with your child – encouraging improved pace and fluency of reading.</p> <p>Ask your child questions whilst reading together - what do they think will happen next? What is their opinion of the text? If they were that character, what would they do?</p> <p>Write down their amazing efforts in their reading records, including any inferences or ideas they had about the book. It would be great to see their opinions!</p>
Maths 	<p>In Maths, we are looking at multiplication and division initially. We will be looking at different methods of multiplying and dividing, before applying them to different multiplication tables. We will be applying them through fluency, problem solving and reasoning.</p> <p>The last few weeks of term will be consolidation weeks. This will be used to recall and reflect on what we have learnt over the Autumn Term, and revisit any concepts as needed.</p> <p>We will also be practising our times tables as frequently as possible, ready for the statutory times tables tests.</p>	<p>Help your child to practise their new maths knowledge by encouraging them to read and write four-digit numbers and by using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills.</p> <p>Continue to practise times tables facts, including division facts, as frequently as possible. This can be done on Times Tables Rockstars. https://ttrockstars.com/ (passwords and logins sent home)</p> <p>You could also download the White Rose Minute Maths App, https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths and have a go at some of the more challenging activities on there.</p>
RE	<p>In RE, we are continuing to look at Catholic Social Teaching. Using the key question "Who is my neighbour?" we will be looking at</p>	<p>Discuss with your child how we are all similar and different, ask them what is similar and different between you and them.</p>



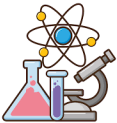



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	<p>valuing similarities and differences; Fratelli tutti and how Pope Francis wants us to address each other and the world; looking at how we can build bridges between neighbours.</p> <p>Key Scriptures include: Luke 10:25-37, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, John 13:34</p> <p>We will then be moving on to Advent. Using the key question "How does the Old Testament help us in understanding Advent?" we will be looking at the meaning behind advent; the promise made of the coming of the Messiah and who God chooses to do His work.</p> <p>Key Scriptures include: Matthew 1: 1 – 16, 1 Samuel 16: 1 – 13, Isaiah 7:14 – 15, Isaiah 11:1-2, Jeremiah 30: 21 - 22</p>	<p>Encourage them to share their ideas and theories about how we should act towards are neighbours.</p> <p>Discuss with your child about your family tree and ancestors.</p>
Topic 	<p>In Topic we are studying 'Our Town and the Isle of Wight'. We will be looking into where we are located on a map, longitude and latitude, time zones including Greenwich meridian, the physical attributes of the Isle of Wight and how it is has changed over time.</p>	<p>It would be amazing for you to discuss and help your child explore this topic at home. What have they remembered? Is there anything in particular they have found interesting? You could even go exploring to find more out about the island!</p>
Science 	<p>In Science, we are looking at scientist and inventors.</p> <p>We will be learning about the dangers posed to living in Madagascar, and Gerald Durrell's conservation efforts on the island.</p> <p>We will also be looking at Alexander Graham Bell and the telephone, as well as modern improvements made by people such as James West and Gerhard M. Sessler. We will be looking at the invention of toothpaste and investigating making our own brand.</p>	<p>Discuss with your child what they have learnt. What invention they would like to learn about?</p> <p>Encourage them to think about different inventions – when do they think they were invented? What materials could have been used?</p>
Art & DT 	<p>In art this half term, we will be looking at coastal painting and shell painting. We will be investigating mixed media landscape painting through the works of artists Georgia O'Keefe and MC Escher.</p>	<p>Share some experiences of the beautiful island coasts with your child. Encourage them to sketch what the coast looks like to them.</p>








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PE 	<p>Children should come into school wearing their P.E kits. They will be doing PE outside for most of the time so please ensure your child is dressed accordingly. When the weather gets very cold and wet, PE will take place in the hall.</p> <p>Our PE day is THURSDAY</p>	<p>Please make sure your child has full PE kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back. • For safety reasons, one small stud earring per ear. <p>Go Noodle and BBC Super Movers are great websites to get moving indoors!</p>
PSHE 	<p>We are continuing with our topic 'Created and Loved by God'. It is rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God.</p> <p>The aim is to encourage an understanding of ourselves and the importance of valuing ourselves as the basis for personal relationships.</p>	<p>Discuss with your child how they value themselves - what is it that makes them special?</p> <p>Encourage them to share thoughts on what makes them special and why they should value themselves.</p>
Music 	<p>In music we will be introducing the children to learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel.</p> <p>Our musical learning will also be centred around learning Christmas carols. The children will have the opportunity to sing a wide range of carols, focusing on careful pitch and pulse.</p>	<p>Encourage them to listen to songs played on the glockenspiel and encourage them to listen for the notes they have learnt.</p> <p>Listen to different Christmas music and encourage your child to sing along.</p>
French 	<p>In French we will be looking at the topic 'On the Move.' They will be learning to develop their conversational skills via some new topics: transport, direction and movement. They will learn to conjugate the high-frequency verb 'to go' and use it in context.</p>	<p>Practice the French words and phrases with your child. Recap these throughout the term to aid their fluency and recall.</p>
Homework 	<p>For Homework this term, we are prioritising the key skills children need to underpin their learning: Reading, Phonics, Spelling and Times Tables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure your child reads their reading book at least 3 times per week and this needs to be recorded in their reading record. <p>Children need to bring their reading book and reading record into school every day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spellings should be learned daily and will be tested weekly. • Practise times tables and the related division facts daily using Times Tables Rockstars – your child should have brought home a log in already. 	