

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

"Created by God to Love and Learn"



Term 3/4 Elm Class – Mrs Grew and Ms Kirby

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you a happy and healthy 2024. We were really pleased with how the children have been settling into the year 1 curriculum and look forward to a busy term ahead. As we enter term 3, we would like to remind you of our 'open door' policy and encourage you to catch us at the end of the day or email the school office if you have any questions, queries or if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be given out on a Friday and the children will be tested on them the following Friday. Spellings will include the phonics focus of the week, as well as words from their year groups spelling list.

Please make sure red spelling books are brought to school on a Friday.

English

Phonic lessons will continue to take place daily. Last term the children were tested on Phase 4 phonics and year one key spellings. Please practice the sounds and words highlighted. We will begin this term with a focus on non-fiction text using 'The Emperor's Egg' by Martin Jenkins as our key text. The children will be expected to write compound sentences using a range of conjunctions and write using different genres.

Reading

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their reading at home. We will continue to change reading books on a Wednesday. Reading records will also get checked to be checked on a Friday. Please remember to record your child's reading in their records. Children who read 4 times in a week will be rewarded with a house point and acknowledged in celebration assembly.

This term, we will be giving children 3 reading targets to work towards. These will be stuck in each child's reading record so that you are able to support your child with their targets during your home reading sessions.

This term we will also focus on comprehension and Guided Reading. It is essential that the children understand what they are reading and are able to answer questions about the text as well as make simple predictions. The children will read a collection of fiction and non-fiction books during our weekly Guided Reading sessions.

If you have any spare time and would like to come into school to hear readers in our class I would be very grateful. Please contact the school office if interested. Many thanks.

PSHE

PSHE lessons will be based upon Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me. Children will still be encouraged to express their feelings and continue to develop the ability to talk about them using The Zones of Regulation.

ICT

Data and Media are the units for Terms 3 and 4. The children will learn to use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.

RE

Christmas will be taught this term with a focus on the wise men. During the Revelation topic children will listen to and retell some of the parables. During Term 4 the topics will be Lent and Holy Week.

Art

The children will be taught a range of Art and design skills; printing with paint, colour mixing, drawing and experimenting with different media. The children will learn about the artist Louis Wain.

Maths

The children will work on the following areas in Maths;

- Geometry
- Addition and Subtraction
- Place Value
- Length/Height
- Mass/Volume

We will begin to set My Maths homework every Wednesday from week 2 onwards. The children also have their individual log in details for Times Table Rockstars which can also be completed at home.

Topic

In term 3 our Geography topic is Capital cities in the UK. The children will identify famous Landmarks and develop an understanding of how places change overtime. The History unit in Term 4 will focus on The Great fire of London. They will learn about Primary and secondary resources and differences between the past and present.

Science

In Term 3 children will be learning about materials. They will identify a variety of everyday materials and be able to describe their simple properties. In Term 4 the focus will be plants

Music

Music will be taught using a music scheme called Charanga. The unit this term is, 'I wanna play in a band.' In Term 4 the unit will be, 'Round and Round.'



PE

PE days will continue to take place on a Wednesday and a Friday. It is expected that children wear the correct kit to school for every PE lesson which includes: a yellow t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or daps. The children will be outside on a Wednesday participating in Games and inside on a Friday participating in Dance. All children are expected to join in PE as it helps to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

Water Bottles



Please can you ensure children have their own filled up water bottle in school every day.