

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

"Created by God to Love and Learn"



Terms 3 and 4 Elm Class – Mrs Bartley and Ms Kirby

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you a happy and healthy 2025. 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 practise at least three times, using the look-cover-write method.

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 are currently learning phase 5a mastery in our sessions.

In English lessons, our key text this term is 'Katie visits London' by James Mayhew. This links to our topic work on the 'United Kingdom'

Our non-fiction focus will be 'writing to persuade' in the form of a leaflet to encourage people to visit London.

We will continue developing use of correct punctuation and compound sentences with different conjunctions.

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



ICT will be taught through the 'Kapow' scheme of work. In term 3, children will develop mouse and keyboard skills by designing rockets, using software and recording data. In term 4 children will develop early programming skills by using 'Beebots.'

RE

This term the children will study the unit 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. This includes; The presentation of Jesus in the temple and the story of Zacchaeus. Term 4 units are Lent and Holy Week.

Children will continue to take part in weekly 'celebration of the word' reflections within class.

Art/ DT

This term the children will experience painting and mixed media. They will explore mixing primary colours to make secondary colours, and apply painting skills when working in the style of an artist.

In term 4, the DT topic will be exploring fruit and vegetables. They will design and create their own 'fruit Salad.'

Maths

The children will work on the following areas in Maths;

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



We start each session with 'Mastering Number' This programme is designed to build strong **number sense**, fluency, and flexibility for all children

We will continue to set My Maths homework every Friday. Please complete on our online portal. The task will consolidate concepts that we have taught in class that week.

Humanities

In term 3, our Geography focus will be Great Britain and capital cities. They will learn about London's famous landmarks and features of human and physical geography. In term 4, they will study 'Castles'. The children will learn about primary and secondary resources and the differences between the past and present.

Music

Music will be taught using a music scheme called Charanga. The unit this term is, 'In the Groove'. In Term 4, the unit will be, 'Round and Round.' Children will learn about elements of music such as pitch and tempo and will get to experiment with musical instruments and composing software.



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 and why they are best suited to their objects. In Term 4, the focus will be plants.

PE

PE days will continue to take place on a Monday and a Wednesday. 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. We would prefer footwear with no laces unless they are able to tie themselves. The children will be outside on a Monday for Games and inside on a Wednesday for Dance and Gymnastics. All children are expected to join in PE as it helps to develop their fine and gross motor skills. If they are unable to participate in PE, please let us know via the office or email.

Water Bottles, Labelling and Toys

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. All clothing, especially jumpers and hoodies, must be clearly labelled. Children should not bring toys or teddies from home, as these can distract from learning and may be upsetting if misplaced. We will hold a toy afternoon at the end of each term, when children can bring a toy or game to share and play with.