

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Terms 3 and 4 Willow class Miss Triggs and Miss Fudge

“Created by God to Love and Learn”



Welcome Back!

Welcome back for the new term! We hope that everyone had a relaxing Christmas holiday and a happy New Year. Thank you for the kind messages and gifts received before Christmas. If you need to speak to one of us then please do see us at the end of the day or send an email via the school office. Miss Triggs will be in class Monday- Wednesday and Miss Fudge on Wednesday- Friday.

Spellings

Children will continue with weekly spellings to be learned at home and in school. We will be teaching the spelling rules in school, but please support your child in learning their spellings at home. It is also important for them to be able to use these spellings in their writing, so please encourage them to use this vocabulary frequently, as appropriate.

Pupils will be given new spellings every Friday and tested on them the following Friday. Please make sure that your child comes to school with their red spelling book

Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Their homework will comprise of one piece of maths work (which will be set on MyMaths), learning their spellings for their test on Friday and regular (4 times per week at least) reading, please record each time you read with your child in their reading record.

Please encourage your child to complete their homework as independently as possible.

PE

Willow class PE days are on Wednesdays (outdoors) and Fridays (indoors) every week. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit, which includes: the new school yellow PE shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, the new school grey hoodie and trainers or daps. Every child is expected to take part in PE as it helps to improve fine and gross motor skills, as well as develop their social and emotional skills.

If your child is physically unable to take an active part in PE, please write a letter or send an email to the office to inform us. If this is the case, your child will still be able to join in by watching the other pupils and offering feedback to their classmates.

Drink Bottles

Please remember to send your child in with their own drinks bottle, which should be labelled with their name, to use throughout the day. These can then be topped up using the jugs of water provided in class.

Art and DT

In Art this term, we will be learning how the use of shapes, shading, and texture in art enhances our drawing skills. We will develop a sense of light and dark, using frottage for texture, and experiment with different tools to create expressive and abstract art.

In term 4, we will be doing DT and focusing on how to create a durable castle structure.

Religious Education

In RE, our focus will be 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. We will learn about the Epiphany using Matthew's Gospel. This is followed by learning linked to the 'Our Father', reflecting on the meaning of the words in this prayer and how these influence our lives. We will use parables and miracle stories to help us to learn about God's Kingdom. Finally, we will look at the life of a saint, seeing how Gospel values can be put into practice.

Physical Education

This term, we will be focussing on our dance skills in our indoor PE lessons and our tennis skills in our outdoor PE.

In term 4, we will be focusing on our gymnastic skills in our indoor PE sessions and games in our outdoor PE.

Science

In term 3, our science topic is forces and magnets. Children will compare how things move on different surfaces, notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act a distance, and observe how magnets attract and repel each other and attract some materials and not others.

Topic

In term 3 and 4, we will be looking at Rivers and Coasts.

We will be looking at the different stages of the water cycle, pollution, climate change and the features of a river.

Mathematics

In term 3, with Miss Fuidge, the children will finish the volume and capacity unit and then move on to money.

Miss Triggs will be finishing our addition and subtraction unit and then we will be focussing on multiplication and division.

The children will be taught how to apply these concepts in word problems and other 'real-life' situations. Pupils will also be expected to learn their multiplication facts and be tested on them.

To help the pupils learn their tables they will have access to use the brilliant website TT Rockstars. Each child has their own individual login which will be at the back of their reading record. Pupils can then practice them at various points throughout the week.

English

In term 3, learning in English will link to the book 'Greta and the Giants', by Zoe Tucker. We will focus on developing writing using different sentence structures and subordinating conjunctions, using paragraphs and the literary feature of using the power of 3. This will be done through narrative writing and non-fiction writing outcomes.

Reading

Regular reading is the prime way for your child to become a better reader and to reach a point where they will gladly pick up a book and read for pleasure. Your child has a reading book and reading record which is **to be taken home and brought to school each day**.

It is important that your child reads at home every day if possible, and that they are able to discuss what they have read. There is space in their reading records to write any comments, as well as recording the pages they have read. Once they have finished reading their book, please encourage/ remind your child to change it in school the following day.

PSHE & Latin

In PSHE, children are following our 'Jigsaw' scheme of work. The units that the children will be focussing on over the next two terms are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy me'.

We will be continuing with Latin as our foreign language, learning how to say different nouns before moving onto adjectives.