Advent Term 2024

English

To become better writers, we will be:

- Learn all about writing persuasive texts. We will explore the features of persuasive texts and then we will apply these to our writing in order to write persuasive leaflets to encourage people to visit London.
- In this unit, the grammar we will learn about will be causal conjunctions and rhetorical questions.
- Later in the term, we will be writing recounts and diary entries.

To become better readers, we will be:

- studying the story of 'Giant' by Kate Scott

Science

In science we will be learning about 'Electricity'. We will be exploring the following questions:

- Which common appliances use electricity?
- What circuit components are needed to build a working circuit?
- Which materials are conductors or insulators?

How does a switch work?

French

In French we will be learning about the school day. We will also be learning how to say the days of the week, numbers, and write and say descriptive phrases about what can be found in a classroom.

Design and technology

In design and technology, we will be exploring the benefits of cooking seasonal foods, developing our cutting and peeling skills. We will be designing, cooking and evaluating a puff pastry tart using seasonal vegetables and fruits.

History

In history we will be learning all about the history of Leicester. We will explore what Leicester was like in the Roman Era, the Tudor times, the Victorian Era and into the modern era and we will see how it has changed over time.

P.E

In P.E, we will perform basic movements to music, and to build a simple themed dance focusing on Bollywood Dance.

Maths

Year 3 - Multiplication and division

In this topic, we will be recalling multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will identify patterns and use different methods to help us to work out our times tables as well as use the inverse to check our answers.

Year 4 - Area

In this topic, we will be exploring how to find the area of rectilinear shape by counting squares and using our knowledge of times tables. We will also compare areas of different shapes.

Year 4 - Multiplication and division

In this topic, we will be recalling multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12, focusing on the 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables. We will use our knowledge of place value to multiply by 0 and 1, divide by 1 and multiply 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number. We will then divide 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.

RE

Called

We will continue our 'Called' RE topic, where we are exploring what it feels like to be called to do something, like Samual and David were called to follow God. We will then think about the 'Call of Confirmation' and what the Sacrament of Confirmation involves.

Other faith - Sikhism

We will be looking at Sikhism as our other faith. We will be looking at the five main beliefs of Sikhs and describing what happens in a gurdwara.

Visitors

We will recall the knowledge that Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel and was told she would give birth to the son of God, Jesus. We will know that the coming of God, in the person of Jesus, happened in a lowly stable 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. During Advent, we wait in joyful anticipation and many of the festivities of Advent remind us of this joyful celebration.

Computing

In computing we will be furthering our knowledge of programming using Scratch. We will remind ourselves of our learning from the previous unit and then we will begin to introduce variables to our code and we will make a quiz using the programme.

PHSE/RSE

In PHSE and RSE we will learn about Life Cycles and how we grow from babies in the womb to children and beyond. We will then begin to explore death and grief and understand that change is a part of life. We will think about the emotions that accompany these phases too.