

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 3
Spring Term 1

English

In English, we will consolidate our Geographical learning through reading *The Great Kapok tree*, after which the children will write persuasive letters from the viewpoint of the rainforest animals. We will also revisit non-chronological reports, providing children the opportunity to strengthen their non-fiction writing skills. We finish the half term by writing formal letters to inform relevant people of what is happening to the world's rainforests.

Maths

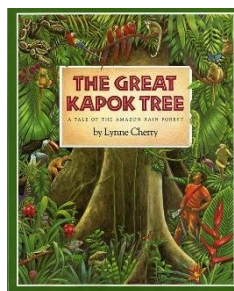
After half term we will continue to practice our times tables and related division facts. Year 3 then focus on time – we learn about timetables, duration, conversion and how to read both digital and analogue clocks. Children will have lots of practice using practical resources to support their understanding. Children will also look at manipulating the additive and applying taught strategies to their mental strategies. We will use a range of practical, pictorial and abstract resources.

Science

In Science, we will investigate forces and magnets. Children will look at magnetic materials, magnetic poles, and investigate how to test the strength of different magnets.

RE

In RE, children will know and understand the Christian family's journey with Jesus through the Church's year. We look at the different types of calendars that inform our lives, and how Christians experience the year with Jesus. We then move on to learning about Lent, a time to remember Jesus' total giving. Pupils will know and understand Lent, a time to remember Jesus' total giving: Lent, an opportunity for giving.



Geography

In Geography, Year 3 will venture to the rainforests of the world whilst learning about the equator, hemispheres and tropics. Children will learn why rainforests are located in specific areas of the world, and then move on to comparing our local area to the Amazon rainforest by conducting some fieldwork. We will also embark on one of my favourite ever trips to the fantastic Sunderland Winter Gardens. A full day spent exploring a mini rainforest is a day well spent.

Computing

In Computing, children will learn how to communicate and collaborate with others when creating documents using ICT programmes.

Art

In Art, we will study *The Great Wave* by Hokusai. We will discuss the different aspects of the painting before practicing and developing specific skills of our own. Children will then work towards creating their own art with a message.

Music

In Music, children will listen to some Reggae and pop music whilst also 3 little birds.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will learn about the Gospel story Jairus' daughter in various creative and reflective ways. Through story and discussion, children will learn that they are designed for a purpose and how they should live in light of this. A second session unpacks the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation as a foretaste of heaven and a wonderful part of our relationship with God.

PE

In PE, with our NUFC coach, Evie, children will practice their agility skills in dodgeball. They will develop their hand-eye co-ordination alongside their teamwork skills. With Miss Haddow, the class will develop cross-curricular dances representing the rainforest.

French

The children will continue to practice saying numbers, things within our classroom, following classroom directions and how to start/participate in a conversation.