



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Curriculum Newsletter Year 4 Autumn 1

Come and See: In the topic of 'People' the children will study all about the Family. The Church names the family 'The Domestic Church' where children may begin to understand the Church, which is 'nothing other than the family of God.' This topic explores the truth that Jesus had a natural family with real people with names and a history. In the topic of 'Called' the children will study through Baptism and Confirmation people are given the gift of the Holy Spirit and are called to respond in their lives.

English: During this half term the children will be reading 'Cliff - Hanger' by Jacqueline Wilson. To complement our topic work we will also read non-fiction books about the Romans. These books will form the main focus and motivation for their writing composition, grammar, reading and speaking and listening. Specifically, the children will be writing letters, diaries and developing character and setting descriptions. They will also write formal explanations and explore performance poetry. Their focus for grammar will be based on mastering clear sentence structure, by identifying subject, verbs, and connectives. Spelling patterns include the prefixes 'mis', 'un', 'in', 'dis' and 'auto' and words ending in 'sure'. The children will continue their guided reading sessions, where they will listen to and read a wide range of texts, allowing them to improve their fluency and expression, retrieve and record information and also make inferences and justify predictions. Throughout their English lessons the children will develop their speaking and listening skills by articulating and justifying their opinions, speak audibly in Standard English, and gain, maintain and monitor the interest of listeners.

Maths: In their Singapore maths lessons, pupils will learn to count in multiples of 25, 100 and 1000 in order to count larger numbers comprehensively. Pupils will learn about place value to 4 digits and they will link numbers in numerals and in words. They will compare numbers using language such as 'greater', 'smaller', 'less' and 'more', using the mathematical symbols and =. They will also learn about rounding numbers to the nearest 1000, 100 and 10; children will apply this knowledge to approximate, total and find the difference. Pupils will also be taught to add and subtract with numbers up to 10 000, using the column method. They will also learn mental methods for addition and subtraction. Pupils will be encouraged to think about when is the most appropriate time to use each method. They will use the methods taught to solve word problems: visualising the problems using the bar model.

