

MATHS

The children will work on refining their written methods for each of the four calculations.

Alongside this, we will be looking in more depth at fractions, decimals and percentages and how these are relevant in everyday life contexts.

Measures, statistics, shape and space, ratio and proportion and algebra will be worked through in problem solving sessions. We will look at key skills and then develop these whilst tackling challenges.

The children need to be working hard on learning the times tables as these are necessary skills in most areas of maths. Practise, practise, practise.

COMPUTING

In computing, pupils will continue their work on coding, using Scratch. They will also look at data-logging and sound effects / multi-media. We will also mark Safer Internet Day on 9th February with further work on e-safety. This term also sees the start of our next 'film' project with the media department at the Abbey, so pupils will begin to plan what scenes they would like to include in the final film all about St Mary's School.

PSHE

We will be considering people around us, looking in particular at different national, religious and ethnic identities in the UK. We will look at the different types of relationships we have with people. We will consider what stereotypes are and how judgements affect people. Focussing on our relationships, we will look at how we get on and fall out, learning how to end relationships and to forgive.

We will also be delivering drugs education. More information about this will be sent out nearer the time.

FRENCH

In French lessons, pupils will be developing their spoken and written French, through the topics of toys, likes and dislikes, numbers, sports and weather.

HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

Pupils will learn about the Second World War and be able to explain why it is considered a significant turning point in British History. Pupils will have the opportunity to study the dramatic effect that the war had on ordinary people living in Britain at the time, in particular looking at the experience of children in wartime Britain.

Pupils will learn to locate countries in Europe using a world map. We will then carry out a study of modern Germany, focussing on its environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics and major cities. Finally children will locate cities in the UK and key geographical regions and how these have changed over time.

St Mary's Catholic School Topic Planner

We'll Meet Again



Burrator topic – Spring 2016

SCIENCE

In science, pupils will be learning about the force of gravity acting between the Earth and falling objects. They will also be identifying the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. Finally pupils will look at a variety of mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears.

MUSIC

Pupils will be using the Charanga programme, to learn about some of the songs that were popular during World War Two. The school has also been lucky enough to have been allocated tickets so that the children in Burrator can attend a concert performed by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra later in the term.

LITERACY

Michael Morpurgo's fabulous book, *Where My Wellies Take Me*, will be the focus for our recount and poetry units. We will be exploring how to bring the detail of our environment to life through simile, metaphor and a wide array of literary techniques.

The children will also be looking at the book, *Ripley's Mighty Machines*, which will help them to improve their writing in the genre of a non-chronological report. They will use this format to present information about types of transport during WWII.

We will finally be putting all our knowledge of children's lives during WWII into a diary. We are using *My Secret War Diary* By Flossie Albright, to demonstrate how to create the correct voice for the text. We will look at devices that help the text connect and flow.

RE

In RE lessons this term, pupils will study a number of topics:

Epiphany – pupils will look at the role of the Wise Men and what we might learn from their journey and message today.

Sacraments – Burrator class will look at sacraments generally, focussing on the sacrament of confirmation.

Lent – pupils will consider this special time of year, thinking about the teaching of Jesus and how we can prepare ourselves for Easter.

Holy Week – the events of this week will be re-told through stories and art.

ART/ DT

The children will have the opportunity to improve their art and design techniques through drawing, painting and sculpture. They will consider the work of the famous sculptor and artist Henry Moore and how he used art to depict emotion. Pupils will then create their own artwork in this style, trying to recreate some of the emotions of war.

PE

This term pupils will be doing gymnastics and dance. The focus for dance will be preparing for Burrator's performance at the Body Language Dance Festival at South Dartmoor Community College on 1st March.