



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM FEDERATION

Year 6 Spring 1 Newsletter 2023

Meet the Team

Miss Aaron



Ms Cross



Miss Dowling



Mr Leacock



Mr Hughes



Miss Wray

Maths

This term we will be looking at concerting units of measure, decimals, percentage and ratio. The children will be consolidating their previous knowledge from Key stage two. This will be completed though fluency, reasoning and problem solving activities in class.

Arithmetic will continue to be a focus: four operations, percentages, BODMAS, four operation of fractions. We will practise these types of questions thorough our five a day starters.

Writing

Inspired by the true story of Jemmy Button- a native boy from Tierra del Fuego who was brought to England to be 'civilised' – this book illustrates Jemmy's extraordinary encounters as an outsider in an unfamiliar land and his emotional return home. The Island explores when Charles Darwin first visited the Galápagos Islands almost 200 years ago, only to discover a land filled with plants and animals that could not be found anywhere else on earth. How did they come to inhabit the island?

This text has been chosen because it provides a number of writing opportunities for our children to write at a mastery Year 6 level.

Reading

We will be using two books as our main text this term: Jemmy Button; which is a true story about a native boy from Tierra del Fuego who was brought to England to be 'civilised', and The Island; when Charles Darwin first visited the Galápagos Islands almost 200 years ago. Additionally, we will also be using The Boy at the Back of the Class, When the Whales Walked and The theory of Life.

During this topic, we will look at multiculturalism, evolution and natural selection.

Topic Overview & Key Text

Topic

We have developed a new thematic curriculum that creates meaningful links between the children's learning in English, science, humanities and creative arts with our key text as the main driver.

Our topic work will focus on the Evolution

Geography: The children will learn about why and what we trade and Fair Trade

Art: Drawing observation sketches of animals using colour

Science: Evolution with a focus on Charles Darwin

PSHE: Healthy Living-peer pressure and First Aid

RE: What would Jesus do? Can we live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first century?



Routines

Homework

Daily reading. Reading journal signed by parent/carer 3 times weekly

Monday – reading and spellings

Tuesday – reading

Wednesday – reading

Thursday –reading

Friday- PE Kit needed and spelling test

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Maths Homework due Spellings tested				PE – please bring correct kit: black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings; a plain PE top; a pair of trainers. Maths and, spellings, SPaG homework

Key Dates:

Wednesday 5 January - school opens

Friday 17th February- last day of term