

General Information

Homework

Homework will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Wednesday. The children are also encouraged to carry out their own research on the current topic, for inclusion in their books. Please continue to encourage your child to read for pleasure and to share their books with an adult. The children are still very excited about working towards their Bookworm awards. Their spellings need to be learnt for a weekly test on Wednesday. Ask your child about the Spelling Bee! The children will also be tested on their times tables on a weekly basis.

PE kit

Children will need to have their PE Kit in school at all times. PE lessons are on Tuesday and Friday. 4 Elizabeth will have swimming on a Friday. **Please ensure that no earrings, watches or other jewellery are worn to school on these days.**

Learning together

To support your child's learning here are some fun ideas for trips and ways to head start their learning linked to our Cornwall topic.

- As a family, you could visit the Transport Museum in Covent Garden, London, or perhaps even fit in a winter day trip to the seaside and collect shells, driftwood and scenic photos!
- If an older brother or sister has been to Bude, ask them about Cornwall – what do they remember about this beautiful county?
- If you enjoy poetry, you could collect and write poems together about the seaside – then share these with your class teacher.

Year Four dates for your diary

Return to school for children	07.01.20
Start of term Mass	14.01.20
Writing Workshop	23.01.20
O2 Choir	24.01.20
Half yearly report sent out	14.02.20
Half Term: school ends at 3.30pm	14.02.20



St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Learning, Growing and Living with Jesus



Lent 1 2020

Year 4 Curriculum
and
key information
for the first half term

Lent 1

Core Subjects

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During the Lent term, the children will be learning about The Local Church Community. The children will explore how people of all ages undertake various roles, called ministries and how they build up the local community of the parish. They will also begin to learn about the Eucharist and how Jesus gives himself to us in the Word and the Sacrament.

Literacy

Reading

Children will continue to be heard read during group and individual reading sessions and will also participate in whole class reading using a variety of texts. The class focus texts will be the legend of 'The Mousehole Cat' by Antonia Barber. We also plan to explore the legend of King Arthur.

Children will have the opportunity to learn poetry 'by heart' and explore diary writing. Every week we will focus on specific punctuation and grammar skills which will support the work they have been doing during their literacy lessons.

Speaking, Listening and Writing

Children will have the opportunity to share poetry, novels and stories. There will be a focus on using punctuation for direct speech and correct use of the apostrophe for plural possession. They will be varying all the punctuation they use. The children will be investigating different poetry forms and learning poems off by heart. They will also be articulating and justifying their opinions.

Maths

The children will continue to learn more formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They need to know their times tables up to 12 x 12. We will also be looking at decimal numbers, rounding and negative numbers.

Science

The children will be learning about the differences between solids, liquids and gases. They will be investigating the properties of different solids and liquids. We will also be exploring the water cycle linked to the concepts of evaporation and condensation.

Computing

Continuing our programming work, the children will create hyperlinks to connect sources of information and create a webpage using code. They will learn how to use the internet safely, respectfully and responsibly.

Creative Curriculum

This half term we will be learning about the English county of Cornwall. We will explore this beautiful part of the West Country in **Geography** by developing the children's map and compass skills, with a focus on geographical language. We will learn about the tourist trade and how this provides economic support for the area. In addition, we will investigate and produce a fact file about the wildlife in and around rivers. Children will also explore river systems and their formation.

In **Art** the children will be making regular use of their sketchbooks to experiment with illustrations in the style of 'The Mousehole Cat' before creating their 'best' version in water colour. They will also study the artist J W Turner's famous paintings of the West Country and use his strategies to improve their own skills for recreating sky and seascapes. We will also be enjoying a range of traditional railway posters, imitating them and discussing their use of persuasive language.

In **Design Technology** we are looking forward to a series of lessons where we plan, design, build and evaluate model beach huts, developing skills in cutting and joining card.

In **Music** the children will use voice and instruments with increasing accuracy, control and expression, appreciating a wide range of live and recorded music.

MFL lessons will focus on speaking and listening skills. The children will build on their vocabulary related to number, months of the year and birthdays.

During **PE**, the children will develop their team work skills and build on core throwing and catching skills. In **Gym**, all pupils will work to improve their coordination, floor movement and ability to balance in a variety of ways. On Fridays, 4 Baptist will now be having swimming lessons.

