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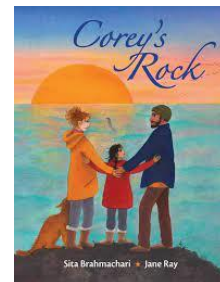
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really enjoyed the learning that has taken place during the Advent Term, the children were able to explore some really exciting topics and created some fantastic artistic and written pieces of work. We are now looking forward to the Lent Term where even more exciting topics are to follow!

In Religious Education, our first topic this term will be Local Church and will be exploring 'Mission'. We will explore how experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. We will look at the cycle of a year as well as the span of a lifetime and the celebrations that these times bring. Our second topic this term will be 'Memorial Sacrifice' where we will look at being thoughtful for life, for people and for gifts. As we approach Easter, we will explore the topic 'Sacrifice' which helps us to understand the total sacrifice of Jesus.



To begin our English topic this term, our learning will be based on the novel 'Corey's Rock' by Sita Brahmachari and Jane Ray. We will continue to following the CLPE sequences of learning and will explore the themes of family, heritage and renewal. The children will continue to have spellings to learn each week and will be expected to practise at home to prepare for a test the following week. We will also have spelling and handwriting practise in class. The expectation for children to read with an adult at home for at least 10 minutes a day remains and this should be recorded in their home-school planner. There will also be plenty of opportunity for children to read independently in the classroom.



In Maths, we will further consolidate our learning about Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Statistics, Properties of Shape, Multiplication and Division (including money), Fractions, Position and Direction, Decimals and Measurement (including volume, capacity, perimeter and area). We will continue to use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches to explore these topics and develop our fluency and reasoning skills. Our focus on times tables remains a priority in this term, and we continue to encourage use of Times Tables Rockstars as a great online tool that can help your child to practise their multiplication and division facts.





Our Theme topic for the Lent Term is Sow, Grow and Farm. This project will teach the children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas. This topic will also encourage children to develop their wider geography skills.

In Art and Design, the children will be focusing on their design technology skills as they think about the meaning and benefits of seasonal eating as they explore food preparations and cooking techniques.

The children will continue to use Purple Mash in their computing lessons to develop their knowledge of spreadsheets and databases as well as beginning to look at word processing.

The children will continue to have a Spanish lesson each week on a Thursday, taught by Mrs Neal-Gonzalez, a fluent Spanish speaker.



Our first unit of work for Music in the Lent Term will be based on 'Make you feel my love' where the children will learn about the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch) and this will include singing, and playing instruments. Our second Music unit this term will be based on 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' where the children will be introduced to old-school hip hop, developing their musical ability and understanding of different styles of music.

PE will continue to be taught on Mondays and we will be focusing on the 'creative' cog this term where the children will learn to change tactics, rules and activities to express their own ideas within activities. Please ensure your child arrives at school wearing their PE uniform every Monday.

Our **compulsory PE uniform** for lessons as part of the curriculum as well as extra-curricular clubs, is as follows:

Plain, white PE t-shirt (no logos/pictures please)

Plain, black shorts, black leggings or black tracksuit bottoms (no logos/pictures please) A pair of trainers or black plimsolls

Please ensure the child's usual St Gregory's sweatshirt or cardigan is also worn.

During our PSHE lessons this term, we will be following 'A Mind to be Kind' which will support children to think about how their thoughts and actions towards others can have a lasting effect. We will focus of helping the children to identify all of the ways that they can be kind towards others.





In Science, we will begin our topic looking at Animals including Humans looking specifically at changes and reproduction. After half term, we will explore Animals including Humans where we will look at life cycles.

Please continue to remember to check your child's Home-School Planner each day and remind them to bring it into school with them. The children should also continue using Times Tables Rockstars, Purple Mash and IXL to support their learning at home. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings and read their reading book daily.

Thank you for your continued support; I am really looking forward to another term of exciting topics. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the School Office or your child's Home School Link Book.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A. Mayes
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