



Campion Class Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another exciting school year! I would like to introduce myself as your child's class teacher, Miss Sawyer. I am privileged to have the support of Mrs Tran this year in Campion Class. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum content your child will be studying over the next half term, as well as of their day-to-day routines and procedures.

English and Maths

As I am sure you are aware, your child takes part in English and Maths lessons every day. To assist your child in their development in both of these curriculum areas, please support and encourage them to read aloud at home every night and to practice their times tables facts every day, as well as rehearsing mental maths strategies regularly. This half term, your child will receive a Mathletics login in order to practise target areas of their mathematics at home.

Science

This half term, your child will be expanding their knowledge of 'Animals including Humans'. Following this unit, your child will be able to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and explain the functions of the heart, blood vessels, blood and lungs. In addition, they will be able to use scientific language to explain how nutrients and water are transported around the body. They will also develop their understanding of diet, exercise and drugs and how these impact on their lifestyle and the way their body functions.

Across their study of this topic, your child will be encouraged to develop their skills at working scientifically. They will have the opportunity to plan and conduct their own scientific enquiry. Through this, your child will continue to develop their understanding of how to plan and carry out fair tests.

RE

In the topic 'Loving', your child will develop a knowledge and understanding of what it means to be truly loving and how they might demonstrate unconditional love to others by studying scripture that demonstrates God's unconditional love for his people. Your child will gain a deeper understanding of how these passages might influence the beliefs and values of Christians today and in the future. Specifically, your child will explore *The Parable of the Prodigal Son* in depth, its implications and relevance to our lives today. Finally, your child will study *The Beatitudes* and their meaning, especially within the context of Christian lives.

Furthermore this half term, your child will learn about the history of a key Jewish festival: Passover. They will learn how Passover is celebrated, the importance of Moses in the Jewish faith and begin to understand how Jewish people have developed practices to remind themselves of their commitments and beliefs. Throughout this topic, they will explore parallels between Christianity

and Judaism, identifying and learning about shared values between the two faiths.

History

This half term, your child will be learning about the history of crime and punishment. In this topic, your child will obtain a chronological historical context of the ways in which crime has been perceived and punished through a series of ages. The ages your child will be focussing on are The Anglo-Saxons, The Tudors, The Victorians and modern day. Alongside this, there will also be a focus on the role of the police and prison system throughout history.

Your child will have the opportunity to evaluate primary and secondary sources to understand more about perceptions and reactions to crime. There will be a particular focus on the acquisition of skills in reasoning in order to justify their own historical opinion. Finally, your child will consider whether punishment for crime is effective in deterring it. This will take a holistic view of all periods researched and their own judgement.

DT

In DT this half term, your child will research cushions from different times and cultures. They will analyse, design and make a cushion cover based on this research. Your child will develop their knowledge and skills in a variety of sewing techniques for joining and decorating fabric. Furthermore, they will use a range of materials and textile processes to create visual effects on their cushion.

Computing

This term, your child will be looking at blogging. This will include understanding what a blog is and developing subject-specific vocabulary. They will be planning and writing their own blogs about various aspects of Year 5, including all of the changes they've experienced at school of late. Your child will gain a deeper understanding of the purpose of blogging and its relevance to modern life. They will have the opportunity to transform their 'Blogs' into 'Vlogs' towards the end of the half-term, understanding the role of 'Vlogging' in modern media.

Relationships Education

During the autumn term in PSHE, your child will explore the responsibilities of living in the wider world through the topic of 'Role Models'. Your child will begin the year by reflecting personally on our school's Mission Statement and how they can strive to embody it. They will then explore the skills, knowledge and qualities that make someone a role model and assess the role models in their life. They will explore how they can continue to be good examples of pupils at St Joseph's. They will also learn about their identity and discuss their identity with others.

This topic will include studying British Values and why these values are important in our society. They will also learn about fundamental human rights, exploring how people interact with these rights around the world.

Music

This half term, your child will have the opportunity to take part in weekly music sessions with the school's specialist music teacher Mr Dixon, in which they will be developing their ability to compose a song through the topic 'Songwriter'.

MFL

In French this term your child will be studying the topic Notre école (Our school). Your child will learn about the school routine in France e.g. days of the week, lunch, curriculum etc. and then compare and contrast this with their own school life. Your children will continue to develop their ability to listen to spoken language and join in and respond where appropriate. Through this new vocabulary, and with their existing understanding of the French language, your child will learn how to form accurate sentences. As they become more confident in the new vocabulary and grammar, your child will be able to hold conversations relating to this topic.

PE

This half term your child will have outdoor PE every Tuesday. In these lessons, they will develop their skills in football. Your child will work on specific skills, such as passing, dribbling and shooting, before developing their awareness of attacking and defensive tactics. They will build on their understanding of key rules and how to referee a match. Finally, your child will have the opportunity to showcase their skills by participating in a full football match at the end of this half-term.

In addition, your child will also have indoor PE every Monday. Over the course of this half term, your child will be choreographing a gymnastics routine inspired by the concept of 'flight'. They will be learning a range of new gymnastics movements and how to seamlessly integrate these into a routine. Your child will learn the importance of effective warm up and cool down routines in order to lead these routines in future. They will also be evaluating and comparing their dance to previous performances in order to make improvements to achieve their personal best.

Your child will also partake in football development lessons with Mr Dines, our sports coach and will therefore need a full PE kit for this on Fridays. Please ensure that your child has their full outdoor PE kit for all lessons, ensuring that all items of clothing are clearly marked with their full name and their class name.

Routines

Your child will receive homework this half term – more information to follow in a further letter.

Currently, a piece of fruit is provided for all children at morning break time by the Government's 'free fruit for schools scheme'. Children are still permitted to bring a piece of fruit from home each day if desired.

It is important that your child brings their school water bottle, full, to school each day. If your child does not have a school water bottle, they are available from the school office for £1.50. Please ensure any money sent into school, is enclosed in a school money pocket and detailed with the necessary information. Money pockets can be purchased from the school reception. Please remember to check your child's school bag for any letters which may require parental permission.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me after school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Sawyer
Campion Class Teacher