



St. Andrew's Primary

Learning Overview

Mrs Henderson Primary 4



Literacy	Maths
The children are reading <i>The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark</i> as a class in order to explore the Stage 4/5 comprehension strategies as a way of deepening their understanding of the characters, setting and plot. They are enjoying participating in Story Writing sessions and have been focusing on writing imaginative narratives using some exciting descriptive sentence types. They are enjoying the active nature of the Stage 4/5 Spelling programme.	In maths the children are extending their range of numbers, identifying, reading and writing numbers up to the tens of thousands. They are also learning strategies to support them with adding and subtracting more challenging numbers.
Health & Wellbeing (including PE)	Religious Education
In PE the children are exploring the skills and techniques required for ball games. The focus is on passing, shooting, defending in a range of ball based games including basketball, netball and rugby. They are also exploring the importance of safe movement and cooperation within the gym hall setting.	In RE the children are learning about the community of the church and ways in which the church support communities in need through charitable organisations such as MISSIO. The children are also participating in Christian Meditation sessions, deepening their relationship with God through personal prayer.
Science	Social Subjects
We have a Garden Focus Week coming up in October. During this week the children will be investigating plant growth. They will also carry out a practical investigation exploring the requirements of successful plant growth.	The children are exploring the Rainforest during which they will learn about the animal and plant life, the layers and the importance of the rainforest.
Technology	Music
The children are working with Miss Beekman during term 1 to explore text and multimedia. The children will learn valuable keyboard and mouse skills in order to navigate around the computer and use it as a method for communication.	The children will begin using ABC music to explore the concept of rhythm and will explore the instruments from the Percussion section of the orchestra.
Drama	Art
Using our novel – <i>The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark</i> – the children will explore the drama conventions of hot-seating, mime, freeze frame and role on the wall to deepen their knowledge of the characters in the book. They will be encouraged to take on different roles using their knowledge from the novel.	In conjunction with their study of <i>The Rainforest</i> , the children will explore a range of visual elements, using paint, collage and oil pastels. The children will also study the work of Henri Rousseau, famous for his jungle/rainforest inspired art.
Spanish P1-7	Homework Projects
The children will be learning conversational Spanish with a focus on numbers, days, months and greetings. This will be taught weekly by Miss Beekman.	Homework is distributed on a Monday morning and returned on a Thursday. The children have read and signed a contracting giving them ownership and responsibility for their homework. They receive 3-4 pieces of homework per week usually including Spelling, Reading, Numeracy and one other curricular area e.g. RE, Social Subjects, Technology.

Please find brief details of what your child will be covering in class this term. Take time to ask them about their learning. We know children attain better when a parent or carer at home discusses their learning with them. Like you, we want all our children attaining and achieving to their maximum potential.