



ST ANNE'S RC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Year 5



English

This term, we will be developing our writing skills through two exciting units inspired by our class texts.

In our diary-writing unit based on Cogheart, we will explore characters' thoughts, feelings and experiences. We will write in the first person, organise events chronologically and use informal language, time adverbials and emotive vocabulary to create an authentic diary voice.

In our letter-writing unit based on Street Child, we will learn how to write effective formal and informal letters. We will consider purpose and audience while developing our use of appropriate layouts, openings and closings, persuasive language, emotive vocabulary, varied sentence structures and accurate paragraphing.

Maths

This term, we will develop our understanding of place value by reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers. We will also strengthen our addition and subtraction skills using efficient mental and written methods to solve calculations and problems.

History:

This term in History, we will explore the question: "What was Manchester like during the Industrial Revolution?"

We will investigate how Manchester changed from a small town into a major industrial city. We will learn about the growth of cotton mills and factories, important inventions, transport developments and the rapid increase in population. We will also use historical sources to explore what life and working conditions were like for men, women and children.

Science

This term, we will be learning about forces in Science. We will explore gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance, investigating how these forces affect the movement of objects. Through practical activities, we will also learn how mechanisms such as levers, pulleys and gears can make tasks easier.

Religious Education (RE):

This term, we will be learning about our Religious Education topic, Creation and Covenant. We will explore key stories from the Old Testament, learning about God as Creator and the special relationship between God and His people. We will reflect on the promises made through covenants and what these stories teach Christians today.

Music:

This term, we will explore African music, developing our understanding of rhythm, pulse and call-and-response through performance.

Computing

This term, we will learn about computing systems and networks. We will explore how digital devices work together, share information and communicate through networks, including the internet.

Art:

This term, we will explore monochromatic art and investigate how artists use different shades, tones and tints of a single colour to create depth, contrast and mood. We will experiment with a range of techniques and materials before designing and creating our own monochromatic artwork.

French:

This term in French, we will learn how to greet others, introduce ourselves and ask someone their name. We will practise speaking, listening and responding confidently through conversations, songs and activities.

PE

During PE this half term we will be focussing on our gymnastics.

PE is every Wednesday.