

COME AND SEE: The children will study the following topics:

- **Community - The Life of the Local Christian Community** The people of God gathered in Christ, united in the journey of faith, in care for one another, in sharing their story and in celebration.
- **Giving & Receiving - Eucharist** The invitation to know Jesus, to live in communion with him and with one another.
- **Self Discipline- Lent/Easter - Giving** Jesus' loving self-giving on the cross, the Father's love that raises him to new life and the challenge to Christians to follow Jesus' example of self-giving.
- *This year the children will make their sacraments so it would be very useful if they could become familiar with their parish and parts of the mass.*
- **Mass times are on the school newsletter.**

COMPUTING

- Using the internet to research
- Becoming familiar with PowerPoint and sharing presentations with their peers.
- Becoming more confident using Copy & Paste as a tool
- Manipulating photos and pictures

Please allow the children to use the internet safely, to research our topics.

Year 4 Spring Term 2020

HISTORY

The children will begin their study of Anglo Saxons and Vikings, who were the next two sets of invaders to occupy Britain after the Romans. We will be looking closely at how they still influence us to this day e.g. our everyday language.

Encourage the children to research the topic. Try to look at this website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/quides/zq2m6sq>

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME.

The children all have a Purple mash log in and password. This can be accessed through an icon on the school website. There are several tasks the children could complete to support their work in class.

English- The children could also use the Beowulf APP in Topics-History- Anglo Saxons- Beowulf to re tell the story . Support your child in completing their termly reading challenge.
Maths-also through the school website- in the "Children" section- favourite websites - complete maths- times tables. Support your child with MangaHigh, Times tables Rockstars homework tasks.

French- there is also a selection of French games for the children to access on the school website.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Tuesday 11th February 3.30-5.30pm (4R only)
Wednesday 12th February 3:30 - 7:30pm (All classes)
Thursday 13th February 3:30 - 5:30pm (4B, 4CW)

ENGLISH

In English:

The children will be studying the legend of Beowulf, a traditional Anglo Saxon epic poem about the legend of the hero Beowulf. During the unit, the children will be making predictions using prior knowledge; analysing and summarising texts; studying inferential and literal meaning. The children will study the creation of character and create written pieces describing a particular character.

To support your children:

Please look for other legends/ epic poems and share them with your children e.g. the legend of Robin Hood, the Giant's causeway, Jason and the Argonauts etc. When sharing stories with your child, discuss characters and look for descriptive language.. Your children have been given a reading challenge. Please support them in completing this.

ART

- Children will be developing their artistic skills through looking at line and texture. We will be examining Anglo Saxon art- dragons; mythical beast- Beowulf etc. The children will design and sculpt their own dragons using a variety of materials.

SCIENCE

- **Through the topic 'Electricity' the children will study:** How electricity is produced, whether it is sourced cleanly, and how it serves a purpose in everyday life.

- **Through the topic 'States of Matter' the children will study:** The three characteristics of matter; solids, liquids and gases. We will look at how we encounter each type everyday and what we use them for.

Encourage the children to research the topics using the following website.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/electrical_circuits/read/1/

Trip to Sacred Heart - we are going to experience a science lesson at Lower Site during the school day.

Dates:

16th January, 30th January, 13th February, 5th March

MATHS

Topics include:

- Numbers and place Value
- Number facts - multiplication
- Addition and subtraction
- Geometry
- Fractions
- Measurement
- Multiplication and Division
- Statistics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In P.E. the children will be taking part in:

- Netball
- Tennis
- Gym - rolling and twisting
- Dance- Viking Invasion

Please make sure the children have the correct kit.

We will also be visiting Sacred Heart for a Dance and Gym display on 6th February during the school day.

MUSIC

In music, the children will be continuing to develop their Wider Opportunities strings programme. *The children must practise regularly and remember their instruments each Wednesday!*