

St Martin's

Church of England Primary Academy

Year 5/6

Welcome back to Class 4! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new school year. We are delighted to welcome both new and returning pupils to our class. Here is an overview of the learning and experiences we have planned for the Autumn Term.



English

This term in English, pupils will develop their writing through our class novels, *Malamander* and *The Nowhere Emporium*.

Inspired by these mysterious and imaginative stories, they will create contrasting setting descriptions and original narratives, building atmosphere, suspense and vivid worlds. Pupils will also produce police incident reports and non-chronological reports, learning to organise information and adapt their language, structure and tone for different purposes and audiences.

Maths

This term, pupils in Years 5 and 6 will build confidence in key mathematical skills. They will begin by developing their understanding of place value before applying this knowledge to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Pupils will then explore fractions and strengthen their recall of multiplication facts. Throughout the term, the emphasis will be on deepening understanding, choosing efficient strategies and explaining mathematical reasoning clearly when solving a range of problems.

Science

This term, pupils will explore living things and their habitats. They will compare the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds, while learning how plants and animals reproduce. Pupils will also investigate how living things are classified into broad groups according to their observable characteristics, similarities and differences. This will include studying animals, plants and micro-organisms. Lessons will encourage careful observation, curiosity and the use of scientific evidence to explain ideas.

Geography

Pupils will recap the human and physical features of our region before exploring South America's countries and capitals. They will then study northern Brazil, including its biomes, climate zones and vegetation belts. Pupils will also learn how rivers, mountains and the water cycle shape landscapes.

History

Pupils will explore Anglo-Saxon and Viking achievements between 410 and 1066 CE. They will learn why the Anglo-Saxons settled in England, how they ruled seven kingdoms, and who the Vikings were. Pupils will examine why Viking raids took place and their impact on society.

RE

Pupils will explore how Hindu and Muslim beliefs influence daily life and behaviour. They will learn about karma, samsara and moksha, alongside teachings from the Qur'an and Hadith. Pupils will examine how worship, values and practices guide believers' choices and shape their treatment of others.

PSHE

Pupils will explore who they are and how they fit within their class, school and wider community. They will celebrate similarities and differences, recognising what makes each person unique. Pupils will develop respect for others, learn how to challenge bullying and understand their shared responsibilities.

Spanish

Pupils will learn to describe where they live and identify which rooms are and are not in their homes, both orally and in writing. They will reuse familiar grammar, vocabulary and conjunctions to create independent responses, while learning days, months and numbers to state dates and birthdays.

Art

Pupils will build upon their artistic knowledge and develop greater control when using line, shape and value. They will use pencils and ballpoint pens to practise shading, blending and mark-making. Pupils will select tools confidently, explain their observations and evaluate their own and others' artwork.

Music

Pupils will explore swing music, syncopation and big-band instruments. They will compare and sing a range of genres, identify musical features and respond through movement. Inspired by Ethel Smyth and the suffragettes, pupils will compose lyrics and melodies to create a protest song.

DT

Pupils will design and construct Gothic-inspired models, drawing upon their research into architecture, architects and engineers. They will use detailed sketches and computer-aided design before building stable structures incorporating mechanisms and electrical circuits.

Computing

Pupils will explore computer systems, learning how information is transferred and how inputs, processes and outputs work in real-world examples. They will investigate search engines, including how results are selected and ranked. Working in groups, pupils will plan, capture, edit and evaluate short videos using devices and software.

PE

Pupils will develop body management skills through basic gymnastic movements, balances and positions, improving their coordination, control, flexibility and confidence. In Interpretive Dance, they will use movement creatively to express ideas and emotions. The Iron Foundation will also lead football and teamwork sessions.