

St Margaret's Church of England Primary - Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term 1st half

English	Maths	Science	Religious Education
<p>This half term we will be watching a short film called 'The Blue Umbrella' by Pixar Animation Studios and using this as a stimulus to write effective sentences to create a love story. During the teaching sequence children will also have an opportunity to explore a variety of grammar features - constructing complex sentences, use of repetition for effect, adverbial phrases and use of dialogue. Children will also take part in daily whole class reading sessions and Spelling sessions.</p>	<p>In maths, we will spend the majority of our time learning about the place value of numbers. This includes learning to read and understand them, as well as writing them. We will also cover rounding, partitioning, comparing and ordering and negative numbers. Once the children are confident with these foundation blocks, we will move onto addition and subtraction. There will be a focus on timestables, as the year 4s will be tested on them towards the end of the year. Any practise you can do with them at home would be very helpful.</p>	<p>This term we will be asking, What happens to the food we eat? Children will: -Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans -Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions -Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey</p>	<p>Children will be looking at The Book of Daniel and working to realise that there is more to discover about Daniel than just his escape from the lion's den! They will use the stories to explore the nature and characteristics of God. Children will also have the opportunity to discuss what it means to stand firm in our beliefs and what it means to have faith.</p>
History	Art/Design and Technology	Physical Education	PSHE
<p>As historians, we will find out all about a range of famous walls and castles used as a form of defence. Our theme this half-term is 'Walls and Barricades'. We will find out what life was like when Hadrian's Wall was built; understand the effects of the rise of the Berlin Wall and appreciate the impact of the Great Wall of China on the lives of Chinese people and understand why it is known as one of the great wonders of the world.</p>	<p>Our artist this year is Vincent van Gogh and we will take his, arguably, most famous painting and explore ideas as to how to recreate this in a variety of ways. Children will experiment with creating mood and colour as well as learning a variety of techniques to depict depth and shadow. We will learn about his life and what inspired him. In D&T, children will use the influence of layers within walls to design and make a layered piece of textile art</p>	<p>This half term Durban class will be doing Athletics in PE, building up to an Olympics in the final lesson. The focus will be evaluating individual performance and using correct technique in running, jumping and throwing events.</p>	<p>Children will be taking part in fortnightly PSHE lessons. Our topic this term is 'Me and My Relationships'. Children will discuss feelings, emotions, conflict resolution and positive relationships.</p>

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Music	Modern Foreign Language	Other key information	
Our musician this year is the Austrian composer, Mozart. Children will learn about his life and have the opportunity to listen to recorded music in order to develop an understanding of the history of music.	In Spanish this half term we will be studying similarities and differences between places. Additionally, we will be discussing what buildings can be found on the high street by reciting a short text with accurate punctuation.		