

English

We will be looking at a range of texts which link closely to our history and geography topics. Through our exploration of these texts, children will have the opportunity to read for different purposes and to write in role. We will be writing postcards, emails, character descriptions and diary entries as well as looking at traditional tales and poetry.

Computing

We will look at e-safety prior to using the web to explore and research. We will collect our research and store it digitally and learn how to email the information we have produced. We will also be using digital programming to give instructions and direct.

Geography

We will be using maps to locate countries and the American states. We will look at physical and human features of the USA and their impact upon natural resources and tourism.

History

Children will learn about the Native American tribes from varying parts of the USA and how their history contrasts with British history. We will explore what life was like for the Native Americans, their beliefs and values.

Science

Children will look at electricity this term. Understanding which objects conduct electricity, which objects require electricity and how electricity travels. They will identify different parts of a circuit, and use their knowledge to design and construct circuits which include switches and bulbs.

St Francis - Term 1

ROAD TRIP USA

Buckle up and put your sunglasses on. We're off on an adventure across the US of A!

Wow moment – Route '66 Experts

Religious education

The first topic of the year is Creation. We will be looking at the precious gifts that God has bestowed upon us and our Christian obligations as his children. We will look at respecting God's creations and how we are called to respect diversity in others.

We will also study the Jewish faith and the skills of reverence and respect.

Maths

Over the first half term, pupils will work on extending and securing their knowledge of place value, decimals and fractions, addition and subtraction (using and applying as inverse operations), time related problems and 2D shape.

Music

Children will experience, appreciate and understand a wide range of American music, drawn from different traditions and genres.

P.E.

For the first half term, St Francis class will be looking at traditional dance, linking to our History topic and also looking at invasion game skills linked to Tag Rugby.

Art & Design

As part of the design and technology curriculum, pupils will prepare and taste a range of traditional American foods.

In art lessons we will be making dream catchers and totem poles as well as designing products linked to our science work.