

Year 4 Update

Friday 8th November 2024

RE

- We have looked at the signs and symbols of the Sacrament of Confirmation and thought about how they relate to other events or celebrations in the faith.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, we will be exploring how people respond to Christian call.

English

- This week we have been thinking of topics to write our own persuasive speech on and started planning each argument.

Pre-teaching:

- Next week, we will be finalising our plans before starting to write our persuasive speeches.

Maths

- We have been learning different multiplication facts and thinking about factor pairs as well as completing an arithmetic assessment.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week we will be exploring integer scaling and working on addition and subtraction word problems.

Science

- We have started our new topic of Animals: Digestion and Food. We explored the parts of the system and labelled the organs in a human digestive system.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, we will be completing a practical experiment to show how the digestive system works as well as looking at teeth.

Key Vocabulary

RE	English	Maths	Science
Called Scripture Confirmation Promise Blessing Sponsor Symbol	Persuade Speech Topic Plan Introduction Argument	Multiplication Array Groups of Factors	Digestive system Organs Human body Food

Homework: Rosary home learning will be on Teams this week.

Rosary.	The 5 th Luminous Mystery Due Tuesday 12 th November
Maths	Sheet provided Ends Tuesday 12 th November
Spelling	'ment' and 'ness' suffix Due: Thursday 14 th November
Reading	Homework diaries will be collected in and signed on Monday.

Dates for your diary:	
Tuesday 12 th November	Parents Evening 4:30pm-7:30pm
Wednesday 13 th November	Parents Evening 3:50pm-6:30pm
Thursday 14 th November	Individual and family photo day
Thursday 21 st November	Foodbank Donation Day
Friday 22 nd November	INSET Day- School is closed

Below is a summary of what the children got up to during Forest School this week. Please ensure children are wearing appropriate clothing again on Monday.

Forest School

The Year 4 classes were excited to be back in the 'forest' today! It was lovely to see them again and meet some new faces. We began with some exercises to regulate our nervous systems and release energy. We returned to our welcome routines including our chant and name game. The children listened carefully as Emma reminded the classes of our rules to keep everyone safe and how we care for nature during our sessions.

Next, Emma explained our intentions for Forest School this year. These included our new themes of 'Sustainability' and 'Cultivating Curiosity'. We will be looking at ways we can be 'Earth Friends' and each week there will be a 'Curiosity Corner' area to provide children with the opportunity to question, wonder, predict and discover more about the natural world.

Then everyone took part in a Nature Scavenger Hunt. Children had to hunt and find specific leaves and plants that Carrie showed them and are common to our area. The intention for this is to reacquaint the children with the environment and to develop their ID skills. Lots of children had remembered the tree names they had learnt last year!

After this we played a quick game of Ostrich Tag which develops spatial awareness and peer cooperation. Then Emma told the children a story called 'The Happiness Tree'. It is about a little child who breaks a spell that has made the world a miserable place with the help of a special creature (a glitter worm!). Together they bring happiness back to the world. The story is about the positive effect that nature and spending time in the outdoors can have on our happiness and well-being.

For the rest of the session, the children were busy with different activities including making their own glitter worms using pieces of elder wood, drills, and pipe cleaners. Other children chose to make happiness crowns out of willow by weaving pieces together. Some children used conkers, drills and small sticks to create weaving frames and spider webs. All these activities help to develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and focus. Other children worked together to build dens, 'Earth Friends' went on a litter pick, and some enjoyed digging and playing in the mud kitchen.

At the end of the session we discussed the curiosity of the day which was a fresh patch of stinging nettles. We finished by learning and singing a new song, 'When Winter Comes'. This is sung in three parts and the children sung it well in groups.

Have a lovely weekend,

Orla & Abbie