

Year 4 Update

Friday 6th February 2026

RE

- This week we have continued our topic about Jesus' commitment to helping those who are marginalised in society. We re-wrote the events leading to the miracle of Jesus walking on water. We considered how Peter's faith was tested and then strengthened by being a witness to Jesus' miracle.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, we will be learning about the life of Saint Damian of Molokai and his dedication to help individuals suffering from Leprosy.

English

- This week, Padua have continued to identify the features of newspaper reports, including writing paragraphs and writing in chronological order.
- This week, Lisbon have planned their own animal journey stories. They have looked carefully at descriptions of settings and the 'show not tell' technique.

Pre-teaching:

- Next week, Padua will look at report writing in more detail, leading to the children writing their own newspaper articles about Bigfoot.
- Lisbon will write introductions to their own stories using fronted adverbials, correctly punctuated direct speech and expanded noun phrases.

Maths

- This week, Padua have been using formal methods to add and subtract decimals. The children need to continue to pay particular attention to the columns when recording digits.
- This week, Lisbon have considered the place value of digits in decimal numbers.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, Padua will be solving money problems using decimal numbers.
- Next week, Lisbon will begin to use formal methods to add and subtract decimal numbers.

Science

- This week we carried out an investigation on bulb brightness.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, we will be learning about electrical safety.

Key Vocabulary

RE	English	Maths	Science
Sacrifice Leprosy Leper Sacrament of Sick	Newspaper article 5 w's Inform Non-fiction Paragraphs Pronouns Fronted adverbials	Hundreds Tens Ones Tenths Hundredths Thousandths Decimal point	Bulb Battery Wire Circuit Dim Brightness power

Homework:

Rosary	Due: Tuesday 10 th February
Maths	Due: Tuesday 10 th February

Next week, we will send home another progress slip with your child's times tables score /25, as we did in December. The children will stick this into their homework diaries.

Please encourage your child to continue practicing - the 'little and often' approach is most successful- using TTRS, listening to times tables rhymes and writing out their own times tables sets, e.g.

1 x 6 = 6 *****

2 x 6 = 12 ***** *****

3 x 6 = 18 ***** ***** *****

Reminders

- School will break up at 3:30pm on **Friday 13th February** for half term.
- **Friday 13th February**- mufti day (children to wear their own clothes) a donation for the school, can be made via the Gateway.

Have a lovely weekend,

Cat, Emma & Rachel