

Year 5 update

R.E

Topic: To the ends of the Earth

- The children have been focusing on the signs and symbols of the sacrament of confirmation and thought about how these link to scripture.
- They have also thought about how the Oil of Chrism is used in confirmation and how this represents being sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Key vocabulary: Confirmation, Sacrament, Holy Spirit, guide

Pre-teaching: next week the children will be focusing on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

English

Book: The Boy in the Tower.

- We have begun reading the book 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. We have been exploring the techniques the author has used to create a sense of suspense, including the use of the weather.
- We have written a short setting description imagining we are in the tower.

Key vocabulary: description, suspense, tension, cliff hanger, ellipsis, figurative language, precise verb choices, zoom in technique, show don't tell technique.

Pre-teaching: We will continue our learning on The Boy in the Tower focusing on using suspense building techniques to describe characters.

Maths

Topic: 3D shapes and translation.

- This week we have been exploring different 3D shapes and their nets.
- We have also been learning about translation, both describing translation and drawing translated shapes.

Key vocabulary: 3D shapes, nets, translation, coordinates.

Pre-teaching: next week we will be focusing on reflection and then moving on to perimeter.

Science

Topic: Forces and space, unbalanced forces

- The children have been investigating the relationship between surface area and water resistance by conducting an experiment. They were also learning how to draw their own tables to gather evidence.

Key vocabulary: air resistance, water resistance, contact force, control variable, surface area, variable, gravity.

Pre-teaching: Next week the children will be finding out about friction.

Extra information

- Thursday 21st May is our Mary procession, please can children bring in one single flower on the day. The procession will be starting at 9.15am and it would be wonderful if parents are able to join us.
- Swimming will be continuing for the Year 5 Padua pupils on Monday, please ensure they have their swimming kits with them.
- Friday 22nd May we finish for half term at 3.30pm. Term resumes on Monday 1st June.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 5 team 😊