

Lower I Lent Term Letter



Dear Lower I Parents,

Welcome back to Lower I

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year, and are looking forward to a happy and successful 2016.

The girls have all settled in well to the Junior School, and it has been very encouraging to see the enthusiasm and hard work they have brought to their learning.

We have an exciting and busy term ahead with a trip to the Natural History Museum to meet Mary Anning, Charities week, and the School Feast Day all coming up this half term.

As always I am very grateful for the constant help and support that parents give to the school and look forward to another happy and productive term together.

Best wishes,

Mrs. R van der Merwe

A special welcome to Sophie Robinson and her family who have joined us this term. We are delighted to have her with us, and are sure that she will thoroughly enjoy her time at St Augustine's Priory.

Outline of our studies this term:

Religious Education

The First Topic we will cover this term is:

Called to Change

This topic is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Jesus' teaching on forgiveness and how he helped people change for the better. The children will reflect on the process of reconciliation and know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness.

After half term will be looking at:

The Eucharist

This topic is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the Mass. The children will reflect on the importance of Sunday and why Catholics go to Mass. They will learn about different parts of the Mass like the Liturgy of the Word, the offertory, words of consecration and the sign of peace.



Mathematics

This term our Topics will include:

Multiplication & division

Fractions

2D shapes and their properties

Recognising angles

Perimeter

Addition & subtraction (mental and written)

Telling the time and time intervals

Doubling and halving

Multiplying using the grid method

Number Puzzles



English

As part of our Fiction unit we will be looking at the Myths and Legends surrounding Dragons. We will be looking at a range of Stories and Myths, writing descriptions and creating our own dragon tales.

In Non Fiction our big question will be: *Where would you like to live?* We will be retrieving and collating information about different countries. We will learn about how to present information using paragraphs and headings and compose a report in response to the big question.

Our Poetry topic is *Playing with Words*. We will learn about poems that play with language and compose our own class and individual poems.

French

The girls will be continuing French with Mrs Assemat. The topics to be covered include: Numbers from 1-20, Clothes and Colours, Animals, Food and Shopping.

Girls will learn about France and will also have the opportunity to watch a French Play.

History

In History we will be continuing our Journey through British history, moving from the Neolithic period of the Stone Age, through the Bronze Age to the Iron Age and the Celts.

Geography

Our topic in Geography is Cold Desserts. The girls will be learning about the geography of Antarctica and comparing it to the geography of the United Kingdom.



Computing

In computing our topics will be:

We are Presenters

We are network Engineers

Science

The topic for Science this half term is, *Rocks and Soils*, where the girls will learn about the earth's geology including, rocks, fossils and soils.

After half term they will learn about *What Plants Need*, where they will consider the conditions plants need to thrive and grow.

Music

In Music we will be looking at:

Movement Work

Rhythmic Patterns

Singing



P.E.

Netball

Pop Lacrosse

Dance

Football



Key Dates

Friday 29th January

Monday 1st February

Friday 12th February

Monday 14th February

Wednesday 2nd March

Wednesday 23rd March

Trip to the National History Museum

Beginning of Charities Week

School Feast Day (pick up from Ealing Abbey at 12:30)

Half Term

French Play Performance

Last day of Term