



ASHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CURRICULUM TOPICS
AUTUMN TERM 2017



FOUNDATION STAGE

'YOU ME & EVERYONE' AND 'FAIRYTALES & DRAGONS'

The Foundation Stage topic for the first half of the Autumn Term is 'You, Me and Everyone'. The pupils will be focusing on their families, friends and local communities. Pupils will identify members of their family and recognise their place within the family unit. There will be opportunities for the pupils to express their thoughts and ideas through music and art. They will listen and respond to stories and use their communication skills to share their ideas. The pupils will look at growth and how changes occur - especially comparing themselves to how they were as babies and toddlers.

For the second half of term the topic is 'Fairytale and Dragons'. The pupils will spend time listening to traditional fairy tales and use them as a basis to create their own simple stories. They will begin to use their new skills in mark-making, writing and simple de-coding to investigate different forms of writing. The pupils will use their imagination to generate their own dragons and fairytale characters; they will be encouraged to use simple instruments to create suitable music for them. Pupils will regularly interact with tools of technology using i-pads and computers to create pictures, and to complete maths and literacy activities.

Mrs Pockett

KEY STAGE 1

Y1 & Y2

'FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS' AND 'FIRE & DRAGONS'

During the first half term our topic is "Family, Friends and Neighbours." We will be using Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar throughout the Autumn term as the basis of our phonic learning, making sure we can read and write the high frequency and tricky words that we need.

As part of this topic we are finding out how we differ from other animals and how we keep ourselves healthy. We will also be thinking about the changes in the seasons and our immediate environment.

Our RE learning will focus on the creation story and what it tells Christians about 'God, Creation and the World' and how this links to Harvest.

During the second half term our topic is "Fire and Dragons". Dragons are always a firm favourite at Ashurst and we shall read about, design, draw and make dragons of our own.

As part of our geography work, we will learn how to use maps and atlases to find places around the world that are hotter and colder than others.

Our history work focuses on The Great Fire of London and discovering *how* we know what happened.

In RE we will be looking closely at the Nativity and discussing why this story is important to Christians and how this informs their beliefs and actions.

Mrs Smith

KEY STAGE 2

Y3 & Y4

'THE ROMANS'

During the Autumn Term, Year 3 and 4 will be using and developing their research skills to find out about the Romans and their Empire. They will use non-fiction texts, websites and artefacts to discover interesting details about how the Romans lived; why and how they expanded their empire, as well as considering how their occupation changed Britain forever.

In order to bring the topic to life we will be visiting Fishbourne Roman Villa near Chichester; this will provide inspiration for the term's artwork which will focus on Roman mosaics.

Miss Simpson

Y5 & Y6

'ANCIENT GREEKS'

This term, our topic will involve learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will be finding out what life was like in Ancient Greek times and how it has influenced our lives today, for example through democracy, the Olympic Games, language and mathematics. As part of our DT learning, we will research and make Greek dishes, ready for our 'Greek Feast'. This will also involve designing and creating a Greek outfit to wear for this special occasion. Through our English learning, we will learn about the Greek myths, for example Medusa and The Trojan Horse.

Mrs Sansbury