

MFL

In 'Modern Foreign Languages', children will be studying Spanish. They will be learning greetings, numbers, days of the week, emotions and colours.

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At St. Michaels, we follow, 'The Way, The Truth and The life', scheme of work. Our first unit is, 'The Bible', which focuses on the structure of the bible, how to use it and some of the important people in it, such as Moses, David and Abraham.



Next half term, we will look at, 'Trust in God'. We will be studying how we can learn to trust, using the examples of figures like, Zechariah and Mary.

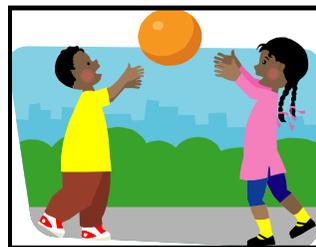
We will also be celebrating St. Michael and All Angels Day, with a Mass in church.

Art/Design & Design and Technology

Art and design will focus on our topic, 'The Mysterious Mayans'. Children will be learning about the vibrant designs of the Mayans, weaving and of course, using the CHOCOLATE that the Mayans are so famous for!



We will also be taking part in all the usual Christmas craft activities, such as making decorations and cards and sewing buttons on.



P.E

DON'T

FORGET TO SEND IN P.E. KIT EVERY WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY Earrings are not allowed. Please remove them before school.

Basketball and Tag Rugby skills are first, this half term, followed by dance and gymnastics in the run up to Christmas.

How you can help

Read with your child as often as you can. Dojos are awarded for anyone reading three times per week, at home, with an adult. Learn weekly spellings for a test on Friday. Please complete any homework that is given. **English and Maths homework will be given on a Friday and should be back into school at the latest on Thursday. We cannot tell you how much we genuinely appreciate your support in this. Times tables should be practised as often as possible also.**



Check our school website for any important dates arising: www.smaaawirral.com

St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School



"Love others as Jesus loves you"

YEAR 4

AUTUMN TERM

2017

Teachers:

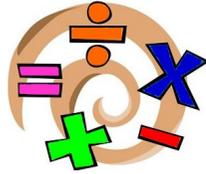
Mrs Hughes & Mr Hinds

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs McKee & Mrs Buckley

Maths

We will continue to consolidate and secure the children's knowledge of the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The aim at the end of Year 4, is for children to know all their times tables up to x12. We will do lots of work on place value, as well as some work on fractions. Children will use and apply their knowledge of measure, shape and space including learning the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.



*The Mysterious
Mayans*

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History/Geography

We will be studying the 'THE MYSTERIOUS MAYANS', for half a term. We are thinking about their: culture, food, religion, art, customs, buildings, sports and much more.



Science

Animals and their habitats are this year's starting point. Children will be learning the animal groups, carrying out investigations and

Computing

We will use the internet to research in history and science. Use of the IPADS will consolidate our learning in English and Maths.

We will use different font sizes, colours and effects to communicate meaning for a given audience. Use cut, copy and paste to refine and re-order content. Recognise and use key layout and design features, e.g., text boxes, columns and borders.

We have already begun work on internet safety and will also look at coding using 'Purple Mash' and 'Scratch'. Pupils will be designing, writing and debugging programs.

Music

We are so lucky to have a visiting music teacher called Mr. Gregory. He comes along to teach the children keyboards. They have made an excellent start so far and also have the opportunity to sing in his choir.



English

We are going to...



- Study myths and write our own.
- Write reports.
- Read and write riddles.
- Enjoy some free verse (poems) and pretend we are poets, when we write our own.

An important focus for this term will also be

Evaluate and edit by:

- Proofreading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation in own writing and others' writing,
- Discussing and proposing changes with partners in small groups.
- Improving writing in light of evaluation.

Perform their own compositions by:

Using appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a group or class.

SPAG work will focus on the use of fronted adverbials, the correct use of apostrophes and speech punctuation, to name but a few!