

A Special Place

Spring Term 2

This topic has been designed to develop links with the local church and community, And to encourage them to reflect on all aspects of Christianity. The children will visit the church weekly in order to learn more about the significance of the building and will make and sell guide books to raise money to donate to St Mary's Church.



English

During this topic the children will consolidate and develop their non-fiction writing skills by creating their own church guide book. The children will use their weekly experiences at the church, alongside their own research, to create informative guides about St Mary's Church. The children will also develop their poetry writing skills to include haikus and acrostic poetry.

Welcome to St. Mary's

St Mary's Church is the Church of England Parish Church for Great Dunmow, an ancient North Essex town renowned for its Flitch Trials with a rapidly expanding population.



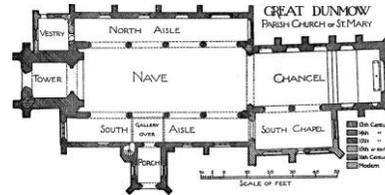
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Maths

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RE

In this topic, the children will develop their understanding of the Christian faith and where Christians go to worship. The children will visit St Mary's Church each week and focus their learning of a different aspect of the Church. This will include the history of our local church, how and why church bells are used, the stories portrayed on stained glass windows as well as the layout and features of a church.



Art and DT



In Art, the children will be learning about pointillism and will apply this technique to create pictures of their local church. In DT, the children will design and create stained glass windows that are inspired by their time at the church.

Computing

During Computing this half term, the children will be developing their programming skills. They will be creating Maths Quizzes using the Scratch 2 platform and will incorporate their learning of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to generate the questions for their quizzes. This half term's online safety learning focuses on the children's use of public profiles, in particular social media and aims to educate the children on how to use these platforms safely.

PE

This half term the children will be playing a variety of team games in order to develop their communicative and cooperative skills. The children will reflect on the games they play each week in order to review their performances and develop and improve their skills in the following week.

Ways to help at home

Please continue to support your child with their weekly homework, spellings and times tables. You can also help your child by encouraging them to read daily. Reading to an adult and discussing a book is really beneficial your child's learning and will help increase their reading stamina.

Important dates

- Church visits: Each Wednesday morning the children will be at the church between 9:15 – 10:45 starting the 6th March 2019.
- 3RB class assembly: Wednesday 27th February 2019

Reminders

PE: Please can all children have an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times. Both classes will have PE on Wednesday and Friday.

Library day: We will visit the library as a class once a week. However, they are able to change their book at either break or lunch every day. In Year 3 we encourage the children to do this independently.

- Tuesday 3RB
- Wednesday 3SJ

Snack: Please remember to send your child with a healthy snack as these are not provided in Year 3.