




St. Christopher's Academy – Curriculum Overview 2019-2020

Learning Themes			
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Topic theme	Space	Life	Dreams
			
Topic Overview	<p>During this topic the learning is centred and inspired around the topic of space. Within Science there is a direct link into studying the solar system and that then links into forces and magnets. The children learn about Neil Armstrong with History as well as the Mayan Civilisation and their interest in Astronomy. The pupils in English then create a newspaper article inspired by the terms text of 'The Way Back Home'. Linked into the Mayan civilisation learning is Geography which is investigating and locating countries in South America. Through looking at the Mayan beliefs and religion we link this into this terms R.E focus which is looking at Christianity. The pupils create poetry this term by using Kit Wright's poem 'The Magic Box' as a stimulus. Pupils then will use their imagination to create a magic box and fill it with a range of magical and fictional things inspired by their senses.</p>	<p>During this topic the learning is centred and inspired around the topic of Life. Science links directly into this where the pupils study the topics of 'Living things and their Habitats' and 'Animals including Humans'. In English the focus is on an author study on Roald Dahl. The children will look in detail at his life and the key events in this, leading onto the pupils creating a personal timeline. Our literature spine this term is heavily influenced by Roald Dahl's work. The pupils will create a short story based on the 'Magic Finger', some poetry following a study on 'Dirty Beasts' and pupils will create their own Marvellous Medicine. In History the two main focus areas are Florence Nightingale and the Ancient Greeks. Ancient Greece is then the area of study in Geography and the influence for the Greek and Mediterranean cuisine in cooking. Our employment Encounters this term involve a visit from a Nurse as well as visiting a local care home.</p>	<p>During this topic the learning is centred and inspired around the topic of Dreams. The pupils within science study properties and changes of materials as well as sound. Within this topic we link dreams into hopes and dreams and a focus on future jobs and careers. In R.E our focus is Hinduism and how Hindus use dreams to provide a window into their futures. This focus on Hinduism links directly into our cooking focus which is Asian cuisine. History focuses on the Vikings and Anglo Saxons and their dream of a new life coming to Britain. Pupils look at the first Viking and Anglo Saxon invasions as well as in geography focusing on land use and settlements, this learning leading up to a visit to local Anglo Saxon burial site Sutton Hoo. Also within Geography pupils will plan their 'dream journey' looking in depth on how to plan a holiday. During the personal safety theme of this topic the emergency services will be a focus and linking into careers within the emergency service. This idea is further embedded within the topic by a visit from the trust PSCO about careers within the Police.</p>