

Vocabulary

translation	The movement between two points described in terms of a given unit.
numerator	The number above the line in a fraction showing how many of the parts are taken.
denominator	The number below the line in a fraction showing how many equal parts the whole has been divided into.
in vain	To use the Lord's name in vain is to use it disrespectfully or blaspheme.
solid	An object which is firm and stable in shape.
liquid	A substance which can be poured, will take the shape of its container and make a flat surface.
gas	A state of matter which will expand freely to fill the whole of a container and has no fixed shape.
mouth	The end of a river where it flows into the sea, another river or a lake.
estuary	Where a river reaches the ocean and the river and ocean mix. Estuaries are normally wide and fat.
confluence	The junction of two rivers, especially rivers of approximately equal length.

We are reading

This half term our class novel is *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. We will also be studying a range of classical poetry.

Saint Clare's Catholic Primary School Year 4 Spring Term 1



Maths Key Skills

To count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.

To recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.

To find a fraction of a quantity.

To describe movements between positions as translations of a given unit left/right and up/down.

To add and subtract with up to 4 decimal places using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction.

English Key Skills

To use the dictionary to check the meaning of unfamiliar words.

To explain the meaning of words in context.

To write a narrative with a clear structure, setting and plot.

To use fronted adverbials for 'when' and 'where'.

To use commas after fronted adverbials.

To use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech.

To use handwriting which is legible and consistent.

Religious Education

This half term we will be looking at aspects of Islam. We will then be looking at the first three Commandments given to Moses.

School and Parish Events

- Welcome/Epiphany Mass 6th Jan
- Visit to a mosque 2nd Feb

Topic Based Key Skills for the lead subjects this half term

Science - States of matter. Compare and group materials together, observe that some materials change state when heated and cooled and research the temperature in which it happens. Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation.

Art - Artist study of Claude Monet. To explore 'impressionism' and use different media to reproduce this style.

DI - To investigate various shop bought soups. To plan, make and evaluate their own soup.

French - Zoo animals and to conjugate the verb 'to be'.

Physical Health - PE - Gymnastics

Mental Health - HRSE - To recognise cause and effect in their actions and take personal responsibility. To grow in love for family, friends and faith.