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To the ends of the Earth

Children will:

- Learn that the pope is the successor to Peter
- Understand that the Apostles' Creed summarises Christian beliefs.
- Know that Christians believe that Mary is the Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven.

Orchid Class (Y4) Curriculum overview

Summer 1 2026

 **St. Finbar's**
Catholic Primary School

Science

Electricity

Children will:

- explore how electricity works, including understanding electrical circuits, conductors, and insulators.
- build simple circuits using batteries, wires, and bulbs to see how electricity flows.
- investigate the importance of safety when using electrical appliances and identify common electrical items in their homes and

English

Reading: Our class reader will be The Sandman and The Turtles by Michael Morpurgo

Writing: Using the text 'The lost happy endings' the children will be writing a twisted narrative and a persuasive letter.

Grammar & Spelling:

The children will focus on expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials in their narrative and letter writing. They will also work on using the possessive apostrophe.

Maths

Children will:

- Learn about decimals, including tenths and hundredths, and explore negative numbers in contexts like temperature.
- Study the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, identifying features such as symmetry, angles, and sides.
- Develop their understanding of position and direction, using coordinates, describing movements like translations and reflections, and explaining object positions on grids.

History

Arabia and Early Islam

Children will:

- Learn about the historical and cultural context of the Arabian Peninsula before and during the early spread of Islam.
- Learn about Makkah and its importance during the beginning of Islam

PE

Athletics

Children will:

- Build on the skills developed in Year 3 by focusing on improving their performance in running, jumping, and throwing with more advanced techniques.
- Refine their sprinting form, working on starts, pacing, and speed over longer distances

Music

Cornets

Children will:

- build on their previous musical skills by developing greater fluency in playing their brass instruments.
- focus on improving their technique, including breath control, posture, and embouchure, to produce a clearer and more consistent sound.
- Begin to play more complex rhythms.

Spanish

Leisure - Sports

Children will:

- Learn vocabulary related to different hobbies and how to express opinions about them using phrases like me gusta (I like) and no me gusta (I don't like), along with reasons such as porque es divertido (because it's fun).
- Practise asking and answering questions about hobbies and explaining why they enjoy or don't enjoy certain activities.

Computing

Dinosaurs

Children will:

- Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data.

Art/ DT

Craft and Design

Children will:

- Follow instructions to create a repeating pattern, adding extra detail.
- Understand different methods of creating printed fabric in creative industries.
- Select imagery and colours to create a mood board with a defined theme and colour palette.

Geography

Earthquakes

Children will:

- learn about the causes of earthquakes, including the movement of tectonic plates, and the effects these can have on the environment and human populations.
- explore famous earthquakes in history and how different countries prepare for and respond to such events.

PSHE & RSE

Saving, spending & budgeting

Children will learn:

- the difference between saving, spending and borrowing
- to make choices between needs, wants and priorities
- to make informed choices about spending when playing online games

Events & celebrations

Monday 13th April: Return to school

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday Monday.
School is closed.

Thursday 21st May: Last day of half-term

Family Learning

Spellings
Times Table Rock stars
Reading Plus
Home readers

