

**YEAR 5 ADVENT TERM
2019**

Subject	Some of what we will be learning
Religious Education	We begin the year by looking at our mission statement “Jesus, be the centre of our lives” and exploring what it means for us at St Vincent’s. We then move onto to looking at developing our sense of uniqueness and the ensuring that we understand that each of us is made in the image of God and what this means to us. We then take a look at the idea of commitment especially through the sacrament of marriage. We will spend some time along with the whole school exploring the Jewish faith our particular focus will be on the Passover. Finally, we are focusing on the idea of hope through the season of Advent leading to the birth of our saviour at Christmas.
English	This term in English we will be learning about the following forms of writing: Recounts, Traditional tales with flashbacks and explanations. We will also look at building our vocabulary and the poetry form of cinquains. As much as possible these will be linked to another element of the curriculum for example the poetry unit will be linked to Remembrance Day. We will also be looking at a specific comprehension unit based on Beowulf which will link to our history unit the Anglo-Saxons. In spelling we are covering a number of different units including silent letters, homophones and ough words.
Maths	This term in maths we will be covering place value. We will also be working with negative numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will also be working with fractions looking at their equivalence, ordering them and adding and subtracting them. Finally, we will be looking at formal methods for all four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Science	We begin the term with a focus on the Earth, Moon and Sun discovering their connections and how they work to provide us with what we see each day (and night!) In this unit will also have a class trip to the National Space Centre to explore these concepts further. Our second focus is on forces where we will be investigating different forces including water and air resistance as well as gravity and friction.

Topic	<p>Our focus in the first half of the term will be on the Anglo Saxons, placing them in history, finding out who they were and how they lived. This will also include an element of Design and Technology as we attempt to recreate an Anglo-Saxon village.</p> <p>Our focus then turns to geography and we look at settlements: thinking about where people settle and why they choose to settle in particular places. This will be linked to our history unit thinking about what we learnt about how Anglo-Saxons built their settlements.</p>
Physical Education (PE)	<p>The children will be working on the skills needed for invasive games including moving around the field of play. Alongside this we will be looking at dance and the way that our bodies are able to move in rhythm with a musical beat.</p>
Computing - Skills	<p>In computing we are learning to use the internet safely. We will also learn about how to handle data in different ways</p>
French	<p>The children will continue to learn with Mdme Nathan and will be focusing on the weather and leisure activities.</p>