

Marvelous Middle:

UNCRC 14

Children from the Tolkien cluster come together for a shared Mass, where each child brings forward their 'God-given' gifts puzzle piece during the offertory. This symbolic act celebrates how every person is an irreplaceable part of the community, uniquely gifted by God.

Science - Living Things and their Habitats UNCRC 29

This term, children will explore how living things interact with their environment and how our bodies help us stay healthy. They will learn to describe the basic functions of the digestive system, identify different types of teeth and their roles, and construct food chains to understand how energy flows through ecosystems.

English

Writing Opportunities

1. Remembrance Poetry
2. Recount – a diary entry of Jim retelling the first two chapters.
3. Description /Narrative – a character description of 'Grimy Nick' and a retelling (inc. direct speech) of Chapter 13: The Lily.
4. Recount – first person description of the night at the circus.

Spoken Language opportunities/ Oracy

Poetry Recital

Listen to, read and discuss a range of texts

Nativity

Art – Picasso Portraits

(mixed media) UNCRC 31

Re-visiting the work of Picasso, this time the children will create a cubist portrait and experiment with creating mood using colour.

MFL - Verb 'to be' UNCRC 31

In this Year 4 French unit, children will learn the verb "être" (to be) and develop an understanding of French pronouns. They will practise using the correct pronouns with "être" in simple sentences, building their confidence in constructing basic statements and questions in French.

Terrific Text Terrific Text:

'Street Child' by Bertie Doherty

Other Reading Opportunities

Remembrance Poetry– 'For the Fallen' Poem by Laurence Binyon
Non-fiction books - cities in the UK.

Maths UNCRC 28

Measurement-area

Multiplication and division-multiplying by 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12

Year 4

R.E. UNCRC 14

Unit B: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

The children will learn about the prayer life of Jesus as he grew up in the Jewish faith.

Unit C: Advent

Learn about the ancestors of Jesus and that he was descended from the House of David.

RHE & PSHE

Module 2 continued:
keeping safe

Sharing online, chatting online, drugs/alcohol

Dignity of the Human Person

Each person is unique and irreplaceable
- everyone matters.

Virtues:

Learned and Wise

Scripture Focus:

"Let us love one another, for love is from God"

1 John 4: 7-12

Prayer Focus:

Remembrance: Praying for those who have died

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Big Question –What gifts do we all share that means that we can celebrate our differences and still be part of Universal Church, equal in God's eyes?

Music - Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics

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Theme: Rivers - link to canals in Birmingham

D.T – Structures- Birmingham City Centre

Designing and building a 3D city with key features, i.e., stability and aesthetics.

Geography — Local Study – Birmingham

*Fieldwork UNCRC 8 & 31

Disciplinary knowledge: -

Learn how geographers create and explore data, developing fieldwork and analytical skills.

Substantive knowledge: -Discover Birmingham's geography, including its location, land use patterns, human-made and natural features, and demographics. Learn about Birmingham and how Harborne compares to the rest of Birmingham as well as exploring land use in these areas.

Procedural Knowledge: Apply practical skills, using tools like Digimaps, analysing photos, and conducting fieldwork

Computing – – Collaborative Learning UNCRC 17

Children will learn to work thoughtfully on collaborative documents, using comments to suggest and resolve changes. They will create slides with various styles, images, and transitions. They will design Google Forms with different question types and export data to spreadsheets for analysis, including highlighting data and calculating averages and sums.

Other Opportunities

Remembrance Day

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Other Faiths Week

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School

Pantomime UNCRC

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Advent UNCRC 14

P.E. UNCRC 31

Dance – The unit of work will challenge pupils to explore movement through improvisation, introducing unison and matching

Cricket – Pupils will develop their bowling, throwing, catching, stopping, retrieving and batting skills applying increasing accuracy to outwit their opponents and win the game.

Fantastic Finish:

Year 4 children visit Heathcote House to share their God-given gifts by performing a talent show for members of the wider community. Through singing, dancing, storytelling, and other creative expressions, they bring joy to others and celebrate the unique talents each child has been blessed with. This act of service reflects the dignity of the human person, recognising that every individual—young or old—is made in the image of God and deserves love, respect, and celebration. Inspired by Pope Francis' words to those "at the beginning of the journey of life," children learn that their gifts are not just for themselves, but are meant to make others happy and help build a better world.