



St Charles RC
Primary School



Year 5 Newsletter
Spring 2024

Welcome

Remember: It's really important to be at school every day, on time and ready to learn!



Happy New Year and a huge welcome back to school in 2024! Firstly, on behalf of the whole Year 5 team, we would like to say a massive thank you for the wonderful cards, presents and warm wishes at Christmas – it was very generous and kind. We hope you all had a wonderful break and that you're ready for the year ahead! We have lots of fun things to learn and we are sure the children will continue to work as hard as they usually do! Please use this curriculum guide to help you understand the exciting experiences your child is telling you about after school.

Outdoor learning: We DO NOT WEAR Forest School clothes to school; they come in a bag and we get changed in school. Forest school/outdoor learning clothing and a pair of wellies should be kept in school and will be sent home after use for cleaning/drying, if needed. Please label all items with your child's name.

PE: lessons take place on **Thursday** afternoon. Your child needs to WEAR their PE outfit to school: a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. Please note no other colours or stripes/logos are acceptable. In cold weather, a plain navy blue tracksuit or leggings may be worn, please label all items.



Curriculum

RE Focus:

This term the children will be thinking about encountering Jesus as the Messiah through different Bible stories.

In our Caritas in Action work the children will think about 'Solidarity and the common good.' In this unit the children will consider how to face challenges, walk together as children of peace and developing skills building a mission team. After half term they'll be focusing on their responsibilities for each other, recognising the difference between rights and responsibilities and understanding that happiness comes through sharing and giving in the 'Rights and Responsibilities' unit.

English:

In English we will be studying a variety of texts alongside a range of picture books and animated clips to inspire the children's writing. The children absolutely love reading class texts and I am sure they will continue to produce fantastic pieces of work. We will also be exploring the genre of non-fiction using a cross-curricular theme of 'Should chocolate be banned?' which we know the children are absolutely going to love.

We will be using these texts to stimulate writing in a range of styles, using more complex sentence structures, increasingly advanced vocabulary and punctuation. It is still vitally important that children keep up the personal reading and learning of their spellings. Reading as always is a priority for all of our children, as it opens up the world to them in so many ways. We continue to ask that every parent hears their child read **EVERY** day and share a love of books with them throughout this term. Spellings as normal will be learnt weekly. In school we will complete tasks such as: looking up dictionary definitions; learning about the different parts of words (morphology - e.g. suffixes and prefixes); learning where words have come from (etymology); and using phonic knowledge decode the words and identify any 'tricky' parts. To help children to remember the spellings, we will use: -mnemonics (memory aids) -pictures -rhymes - and testing. These are useful strategies to use whilst practising at home.



Maths:

In Maths, we will continue to use White Rose Maths scheme. During this term we will be looking at multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will explore decimals in depth to help relate them to fractions and percentages. Speed and accuracy in their multiplication tables is vital to their success in maths! So please help the children to brush up on their times table knowledge. The children have made accelerated progress by using Times Table Rockstars in Terms 1 so please encourage them to continue using this resource regularly at home.



Humanities:

Our history enquiry questions this half term is '**Were the Vikings really vicious?**' During this unit we will explore the importance of the Vikings within History, how they influenced later societies and the different elements of their lives. It will be a fantastic half term exploring the Vikings and we know the children are going to love it!

After half term, our Geography based enquiry question for this half term is '**Should chocolate be banned?**' We will discuss Fairtrade, the journey of chocolate and during this unit the children will also develop important geographical skills, such as map reading, analysis and presentation of geographical data.



Science:

This half term the children will classify materials according to a variety of properties and develop an understanding of mixtures & solutions. During the unit they will investigate reversible and irreversible changes. They will sort materials into solids, liquids and gases, describing evaporation and condensation. After the half term break we will explore forces. The children will explore gravity, resistance & mechanical forces.



Homework:

This term we are continuing to ask children to:

- Complete one task from the English and Maths workbook each week and return to school by the following Wednesday.
- Read daily with an adult and have the reading record signed.
- Practise spellings.



Year 5 Exciting events to look forward to:

Visiting artist from The Lowry - each child in class will be entered into The Arts Award and a visit to The Lowry theatre.



As always, your continued encouragement and support is vital to your child's success - so thank you. If there are any worries or problems, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are certain that we will make 2024 a great one; we look forward to all the new learning experiences and positive challenges that 2024 bring us.

Kind regards,
The Year 5 team



Spring diary dates

January	February	March
<p><u>JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE EPIPHANY</u></p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 8th Children return to school Weds 10th Whole School Epiphany Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome) Thurs 11th Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Mon 15th – 17th Y5 Robinwood residential Weds 17th Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 18st Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 24th Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y4 Library trip Thurs 25th Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> <u>Story Telling Week</u> Mon 29th Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms Weds 31st Y6 Library trip Fri 2nd Loaves and Fishes charity Cake sale and raffle after assembly</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE</u></p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Weds 7th Y3 Library trip EYFS Chinese New Year Dance workshop with Miss Jade Thurs 8th EYFS Chinese New Year Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> BOOK WEEK Tues 13th Y3 trip to Chester TBC Weds 14th Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Y2 Library trip Thurs 15th Y1 Class Assembly (All welcome) Fri 16th St Valentine's Day Disco pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM 16th FEB – 26th FEB</p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Weds 28th Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y1 Library trip Thurs 29th Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome) Friday 1st World Book Day – Ocean themed</p>	<p><u>MARCH IS THE MONTH OF LENT</u></p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 6th Y1 & Y2 Mother's Day Prayer Service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y5 Library trip Thurs 7th EYFS Mother's Day Celebration followed by morning coffee and cakes (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 13th Nursery Library trip Thurs 14th Parents evening – in school Fri 15th CAFOD charity cake sale and raffle after assembly</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Book Fair Weds 20th Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Reception Library trip Thurs 21st KS1 Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> HOLY WEEK Mon 25th Whole School Stations of the Cross Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Tues 26th EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet parade (9.05am in school – All welcome) EASTER RAFFLE Weds 27th LKS2 Easter show (9.15am in church – All welcome) FINISH at 1.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EASTER HOLIDAYS 27th MAR – 8th APR</p>

Websites

ENGLISH

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/maths/maths.htm>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/literacy/index.htm>

MATHS

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/index.html>

SCIENCE

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/science/science.htm>

<http://homeworkhelp.stjohnsevenoaks.com/science/index.html>

HISTORY

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories>

GENERAL

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/primary-games>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/support>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>