# Year 4 Spring 2 2026

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

St Catherine's CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Spring Term

**We hope you had a wonderful half term. We are looking forward to some exciting learning in the term ahead!**

**Our book this term is 'The Paperbag Prince' by Colin Thompson**








### English





Throughout this half term, the children will have opportunities to write a range of texts, including non-fiction, fiction and poetry. We will begin by using Boudicca as our stimulus to create a non-fiction information poster. The children will write in the past tense and focus on presenting clear, factual information. They will use key non-fiction features such as headings and well-organised sections to structure their work effectively. In addition, they will practise using conjunctions and learn to identify and use main and subordinate clauses to help them write clear, detailed sentences.





### Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on fractions. The children will learn about tenths and hundredths, identify equivalent fractions, and practise adding and subtracting fractions. They will also learn how to simplify fractions and recognise fractions that are greater than one. Towards the end of the half term, we will begin to explore decimal numbers and understand how they link to fractions.

We will also continue to develop and strengthen times tables knowledge, practising the multiplication and division facts for all tables up to 12 × 12 to build confidence and fluency.

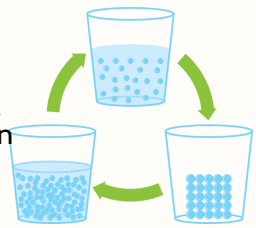




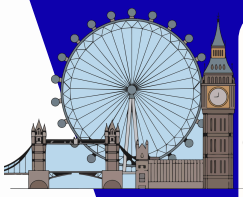



### Science

In Science, we will study states of matter, learning how to compare and group materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases, finding out how and why some materials change states when heated or cooled, and learn about the water cycle. There will be many exciting experiments to help us learn too!



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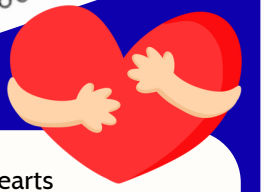


## Geography

In Geography this term, we will be learning about London. The children will explore why London is the capital city of the United Kingdom and consider what makes it such an important and influential place. They will also learn about the significance of the River Thames and how it has shaped the city's history, trade and development. As part of our topic, the children will discover some of London's most famous landmarks and find out why they are important.

## RE

In Religious Education this term, we will be exploring the question: 'For Christians, what was the impact of Pentecost?' The children will learn about the story of Pentecost and discuss how it connects to Christian beliefs about the 'Kingdom of God' on Earth. They will also consider what this means for Christians today and how these beliefs influence the way people choose to follow God in their daily lives.



## Heads and Hearts

This term in Heads and Hearts we will be studying the theme 'Healthy Me'. We will be learning how to make healthy choices to build positive relationships with our friends, to identify a healthy, balanced diet and to understand the dangers of alcohol and smoking and the effect they can have on our health. Finally, we will be learning how to keep calm in difficult situations.

## Computing

**This term in computing, we will introduce Logo programming, focusing on developing their understanding of basic commands and programming concepts. Children will learn to create shapes and letters using instructions that contain advanced features**





## Music

In music this term, we will be learning how to play the recorder! Recorders will be kept in school until the children are ready to bring them home and show you what they have learnt!



## A note on homework:




Homework takes the form of:

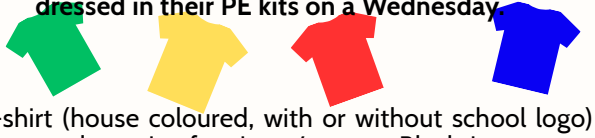
- 10 minutes daily reading
- 10 minutes daily times tables practice
- Weekly Maths homework on Mymaths/in homework books
- Weekly English homework, which will have a spelling focus.

The Maths and English will be provided on Friday and will need to be completed by the following Wednesday.

We greatly appreciate your help in supporting your child at home in these activities, it really does make a difference.

## PE

**Year 4 will have PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kits on a Wednesday.**



PE Kit:

- A plain t-shirt (house coloured, with or without school logo) a pair of black shorts and a pair of trainers/pumps. Black joggers and a black hoodie (with or without school logo) may be worn for outside PE during cold spells,
- Earrings and jewellery are not to be worn during PE lessons and long hair should be tied back.
- Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled with your child's name.



## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 5th March - World Book Day**

**Friday 6th March - Golden Ticket Wonder Bars**

**Friday 13th March - Easter Egg Non-uniform Day**

**Tuesday 10th - Monday 16th March - Bookfair**

**Friday 13th March - Non-uniform day for Easter Egg donations**

**Monday 17th March - Easter Raffle Tickts on Sale**

**Friday 20th March - wear red for Red Nose Day**

**Monday 23rd & Wednesday 25th March - Parents' Evenings**

**Thursday 26th March - Easter Raffle Prize Draw**

**Friday 27th March - last day of Spring Term**

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