Year 4
Summer 2 2026

St Catherine's CE Primary School

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

Welcome back to our final half term in Year 4! During the first two weeks, the children will be taking part in their Multiplication Check. They have worked incredibly hard in preparation and are feeling confident, prepared, and ready to do their very best. We are looking forward to a fantastic half term together!

Our book this term is 'The Last Rainbow Bird'





English

Our text 'The Last Rainbow Bird' will allow us to write our own adventure story, create alternate endings and use speech whilst following the text of two children, Alex and Jo, on their quest to find the last Rainbow Bird. The children will have time to create their own settings and discover a range of new vocabulary to support their writing.

We will then finish with a non-fiction text on volcanoes, making a link to our new and very exciting geography unit.



Maths

In Maths, we are beginning the half term with our Money topic. Children will be ordering, adding and subtracting amounts of money, rounding money to the nearest 10p and £1, finding change, and solving a range of money problems.

We will then move on to Time, where pupils will convert between units of time, write time in different ways, and compare times by converting units.

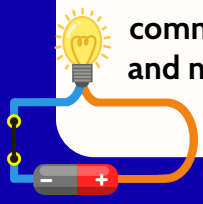




Science

In Science we will be learning about electricity. The children will be learning to identify common appliances that run on electricity, conduct a simple electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, recognise common conductors and insulators and understand that a circuit must be complete in order to work.







Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring our enquiry question: What are the benefits and dangers of living on or near a volcano? To answer this, pupils will learn about what volcanoes are and how they are structured, as well as the role of plate tectonics in their formation. We will investigate the causes of volcanic eruptions and explore why people choose to live near volcanoes despite the risks. Children will also consider the dangers volcanoes can pose and weigh these against the benefits of living in volcanic regions.

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Computing/Online safety

During our Purple Mash sessions we will be beginning the topic of effective searching. This unit teaches children to use search technologies effectively by selecting clear keywords, understanding how results are ranked, refining searches for accuracy, and evaluating online content to judge whether it is reliable and trustworthy.
For our online safety topic we will be exploring how we can keep information private and describe strategies for keeping personal information private, depending on context.

RE

In Religious Education, we will be exploring the question: How do people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals? Children will learn about how Christians around the world celebrate Christmas and how Muslims celebrate Eid. We will explore the different ways people celebrate and consider similarities and differences between traditions. Pupils will discuss whether religious and non-religious people celebrate the same festivals and investigate how people from different faiths may share or celebrate similar special occasions.

Heads and Hearts

We will be beginning to explore the puberty section of our PHSE scheme, focusing on how our body changes and menstruation. Please see the parent meeting slides for more information on this.

Homework

Homework this half term will continue to focus on spelling and maths. For the first few weeks, there will be an emphasis on multiplication as children prepare for and complete their Multiplication Check. We will also continue to send home weekly spelling lists. Please spend some time looking at the focus spelling patterns with your child, helping them to clap out syllables and discuss word meanings. These simple activities are a great way to reinforce and consolidate their learning in school.

DT

In Design and Technology, children will explore the parts of a torch and learn how it works. They will investigate what makes a torch effective, create design ideas that meet the success criteria, and design and make their own working torch with a switch. This exciting topic links closely with our Science learning this half term on Electricity, allowing children to apply their understanding of circuits and electrical components in a practical and creative way.

PE

During our PE sessions we will continue to look at athletics as well as striking and fielding. We will then be spending some time focusing on our sports day activities in time for the event!

PE lessons will continue to be on Fridays.

Dates for your diary

- Y4 Multiplication Tables Check – Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June 2026
- Friday 12th June – Chocolate Non Uniform Day
- Tuesday 16th June – Parent event 9.00am – 9.40am
- Friday 19th June – Bottle Non Uniform Day
- Friday 19th June – Bingo Night/Fish and chips (PTA)
- Friday 26th June - Sports Day - (Year 4,5 & 6) 9.00am – 12.30pm
- Friday 3rd July – Summer Fair
- Wednesday 8th July – Whole school transition afternoon

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