Year 2 Autumn 2025

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

St Catherine's CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Welcome to our Curriculum Newsletter for the second half of the Autumn Term.

Our books this term:
The Lonely Beast
and
The Lonely Christmas Tree



English

This term, we will continue to build on the key foundations of English, helping students strengthen their writing skills. Our focus will be on developing accurate letter formation, neat handwriting, and clear sentence structure. We have introduced our new book 'The Lonely Beast', through which we are exploring verbs, adjectives, and their synonyms to make our writing more descriptive and engaging. As we move towards Christmas, we will be reading 'The Lonely Christmas Tree'. This lovely story will give the children a chance to use their growing knowledge of adjectives to describe the setting and the tree in detail.

Maths

This term in Maths, we will be focusing on developing children's understanding of money. They will learn to identify the value of different coins and notes, compare amounts of money, and calculate change. Later in the term, we will be consolidating our multiplication skills by exploring different ways to represent multiples, using groups of objects, lots of and arrays to strengthen understanding and build confidence in this area.

History

In History, we will be learning about the Gunpowder Plot and the role of Guy Fawkes. We will carefully explore the religious tensions that led to the plotting, create a timeline of key events leading up to the plot, and reflect on why we continue to celebrate the 5th of November with fireworks today.

Art

In Art, we will be exploring printmaking using a variety of resources to create different styles of prints. Children will experiment with a range of objects to observe the types of prints they produce and discuss why each object creates a different effect. As a final outcome, the children will design and create their own card, showcasing their chosen printmaking techniques.

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Computing

In Computing, the children will be focusing on coding this term. They will develop an understanding of algorithms and learn why computers rely on them to function. The children will explore code blocks, sequencing, and testing for bugs, gaining hands-on experience with the coding process. By the end of the unit, pupils will have the opportunity to design and create their own coding program.



PSHE

In this Puzzle (unit) the children discuss their hopes and fears for the year ahead – they talk about feeling worried and recognising when they should ask for help and who to ask. They talk about rights and responsibilities; how to work collaboratively, how to listen to each other and how to make their classroom a safe and fair place. The children talk about choices and the consequences of making different choices, making the class rules clear for everyone and celebrating everyone for their uniqueness and individuality. We are finding our super powers!





Science

In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. Children will explore different animals and plants, discovering where they live and how their habitats meet their needs. They will learn about simple food chains and how living things depend on each other.

Pupils will also look at how changes to the environment can affect animals and plants, helping them understand the importance of looking after nature.





PE

Year 2 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, a pair of black shorts and a pair of trainers/pumps will be needed for PE. Tracksuits may be sent in for outside PE during cold spells, but please ensure these are named.
- Children can wear house team colour t-shirts (green, blue, yellow or red).
- Earrings and jewellery are not worn during PE lessons. Please make sure earrings are not worn on PE days. If children do wear earrings, they will need to put earring tape over the top.





RE

In Religious Education, we will be exploring the question "Why does Christmas matter to Christians?" Children will learn about the Nativity story and understand how it shows the importance of Jesus' birth to Christians. They will be inferring the feelings of Mary and Joseph as the angel delivers the news, helping them to understand the emotions and significance of this special event.Pupils will discover how and why Christmas is celebrated and reflect on the values of love, kindness, and giving that are central to the festival.





Dates for diary

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Concert 9:00am

Friday 12th December - Kemp Rudolph Run & PTA Elfidges Christmas Shop

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Services for pupils

Thusrday 18th December - Class Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumpers

Monday 5th January 2026 - School re-opens to pupils

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