Year 2
Spring 2 2026
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

St Catherine's CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the Spring term. With so many exciting activities and learning experiences planned, there is so much to look forward to!

Our books this term is
The Disgusting Sandwich
by Gareth Edwards



English

This half term, we will be exploring The Disgusting Sandwich, focusing on describing our characters using a variety of adjectives and practicing descriptive setting writing. The children have gone on a hunt to find the ingredients the badger used in the story and they will have the chance to create their own imaginative and "disgusting" sandwiches, bringing their ideas to life through writing and creativity.

History

This term in History, we will be learning about the Severn Valley Railway and the positive impact it has had on Kidderminster and the surrounding areas, including how it supports tourism and the local community. The children will explore photographs to help them understand its history and identify the features of steam trains. We are also lucky to have a special visitor who will talk to the children about how a steam train works and the important roles involved in running it.

Maths

This half term in Maths, Year 2 will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes. The children will be learning to recognise, name and describe a range of shapes and understand their features.We will be investigating shapes such as circle, square, rectangle, triangle, pentagon, hexagon and octagon.

The children will learn to identify and describe the properties of 2D shapes, including number of sides, vertices (corners), straight and curved lines and lines of symmetry. We will also explore how 2D shapes can be used to create repeating and symmetrical patterns.

We will also be learning about 3D shapes such as cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder and pyramid. The children will explore the features of 3D shapes, including faces, edges and vertices. They will sort, compare and describe shapes using mathematical vocabulary and begin to understand how 3D shapes are used in everyday objects.

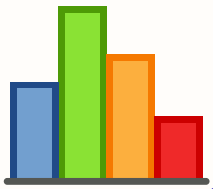
Later in the term, we will begin learning about fractions. The children will be introduced to one half (1/2), one quarter (1/4) and three quarters (3/4). They will learn to recognise and find fractions of shapes, identify and calculate fractions of numbers, understand that fractions represent equal parts of a whole and use practical resources and visual models to support their understanding.

We will explore fractions through sharing, grouping and dividing shapes and quantities into equal parts.

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Computing

The children will be learning about spreadsheets and developing a range of Year 2 skills. They will practice entering and editing data, using simple formulas to add, subtract and calculate totals. These will be used to create basic charts and graphs



PSHE



This term in Head and Hearts, we will be exploring "Being My Best Self", looking at times when we feel strong or weak, learning how to live a healthy lifestyle and understanding how to stay safe at home, especially when using electrical appliances.

Science

In Science, the children will continue their work on plants, building on their learning from last term. They will focus on how plants adapt to their environment, explore different plants and trees, and investigate how dying plants can be revived or regrown.





PE

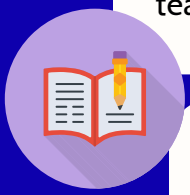
Year 2 will have PE on a Monday. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kits on a Monday.



This term in PE, the children will be learning yoga and invasion games. In yoga, there will be a focus on movement skills such as balance, flexibility, strength, and coordination. They will also practice staying calm and mindful by paying attention to their breathing.
In invasion games, the children will focus on keeping possession of the ball, working effectively as a team, making eye contact, and calling for the ball to improve communication and teamwork.

RE

This term, our RE focus will be on understanding why Easter is important to Christians and how they celebrate Jesus' life at Easter. The children will explore traditions such as Easter foods like chocolate eggs, hot cross buns, and pancakes, and learn about Holy Week and the key events leading up to Easter Sunday. We will be exploring the question 'why is Easter important to Christians?'



Homework and Home Learning

Please ensure that reading books and homework books are handed in on Mondays. Bringing their reading diary along helps us see how much they have been enjoying their reading each week. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for 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/Thursday 26th March - Parents' Evenings**
- **Thursday 26th March - Easter Raffle Prize Draw**
- **Friday 27th March - last day of Spring Term**

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