Year 2
Summer 1 2026

St Catherine's CE Primary School

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

We hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday and are feeling refreshed for the summer term. We have lots of exciting activities and plans ahead!

Our books this term is The Gnome Book by Loes Riphagen





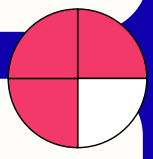
English

This term in English we will be composing an information text. We will be learning how to use questions as sub-headings, how to use 'because' and 'so' in our sentences and how to organise our writing into sections. We will also be inventing our own stories. We will use all of the story language, expanded noun phrases and story structures we have learnt this year to write our stories. In poetry, we will be reading free verse and starting to compose our own poems.



Geography

This term in Geography, children will learn about a North American city and forest. They will find out what a city is and what a forest is. They will explore the types of plants that grow in a forest, such as trees and bushes. Children will also learn about physical features (natural things like rivers and land) and human features (things people build, like houses and roads) and how these are different in cities and forests.

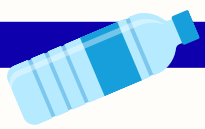


Maths

In Maths this term, Year 2 will continue building on their understanding of fractions. The children will learn to recognise, find, name and write simple fractions, including 1/2, 1/4 and 3/4, and understand how these relate to equal parts of a whole.

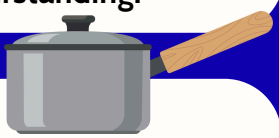
They will also develop their problem-solving skills, applying what they know to a range of addition and subtraction problems. This will include using different methods and strategies to solve calculations, as well as explaining their reasoning.

They will also practise adding and subtracting numbers beyond 10, using a range of methods such as number lines, partitioning and written strategies to support their understanding.









Science

This term we will be learning all about everyday materials. We will be sorting, investigating and comparing different materials. We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will also find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will carry out a test and be able to explain what we have found out from our results.

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Computing

The children will be using 2Paint A Picture in Purple Mash to explore digital art. The children will look at the work of Impressionist artists and learn about their unique style, including how they used colour and brush strokes to create their paintings.

Using the Impressionism template, the children will experiment with different tools to recreate their own versions of these artworks on the computer. They will develop their confidence in using digital tools while expressing their creativity. We are excited to see the wonderful pieces of art they will create!

PSHE

During our heads and hearts sessions we will explore different types of families and learn why cooperation and care are important in relationships. Across the sessions, children will learn how to manage friendship conflicts, recognise the difference between good and worrying secrets, and identify trusted adults who can help them. They will reflect on trust, honesty and appreciation in relationships. We will continue to find ways to calm ourselves.



DT

In Design and Technology this term, Year 2 will be exploring cooking and nutrition. The children will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and the different food groups that help keep our bodies healthy.

They will investigate what makes a meal balanced, look at a variety of ingredients, and begin to plan their own simple recipes. As they develop their skills, the children will think carefully about which foods to include and why.

At the end of the unit, the children will have the exciting opportunity to design, make, and evaluate their very own healthy wraps. We are looking forward to seeing their creativity and learning come together in this hands-on project!





PE

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

Next term, the children will take part in sending and receiving games, as well as athletics activities in preparation for sports day. They will learn and practise fundamental skills to help them take part in a range of games, building their confidence, coordination and teamwork.



RE

This term, our RE focus will be on "What is the 'good news' Christians say Jesus brings?". This term, children will explore stories from the Bible and begin to understand how they link to the concept of the Gospel, meaning 'good news'. They will listen to and discuss simple accounts from Bible texts, such as the story of Matthew the tax collector, and learn what these stories mean to Christians. Through this, children will also recognise that Jesus gave clear instructions about how people should behave and treat others in their daily lives.





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 your diary

- Wednesday 20th May – Thursday 21st May – Whole School Arts days
- Thursday 21st May – Charity Colourful Run (PTA)
- Thursday 4th June – Parent event 9.00am – 9.40am
- Friday 12th June – Chocolate Non Uniform Day
- Friday 19th June – Bottle Non Uniform Day
- Friday 19th June – Bingo Night/Fish and chips (PTA)
- Thursday 25th June - Sports Day - (Year 2 and Year 3) 11.00am – 10.30am
- Friday 3rd July – Summer Fair
- Wednesday 8th July – Whole school transition afternoon

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