Year 2
Summer 2 2026

St Catherine's CE Primary School

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

We hope you had a wonderful half-term break and everyone is returning feeling refreshed, recharged, and ready for the final summer term ahead.
We are excited for all that this term has in store! Over the coming weeks, we have lots of engaging learning opportunities, exciting activities, special events, and memorable experiences planned for the children. It is always such a busy and rewarding term. We are looking forward to seeing the children continue to grow in confidence, develop their skills and enjoy their learning journey together.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are excited to make this final term a happy, successful, and memorable one for everyone!

Our book for this half term is 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine'



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 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 own stories.
In poetry, we will be reading free verse and starting to compose our own poems.

Maths

In Maths, the children will learn to tell the time to the hour, half hour, quarter hour and tell the time to five minutes. We will also find out how long something lasts and compare amounts of time. In the final weeks, we will be exploring weight, volume, and temperature. Children will have hands-on opportunities to compare and measure different masses and volumes, as well as read and record temperatures using thermometers. They will learn to interpret a variety of scales, take part in practical measuring activities, and use appropriate mathematical vocabulary and symbols to describe and explain their work.

Science

The children will continue to build on their learning from the Summer 1 term as they further develop their understanding of materials. Throughout this topic, they will explore and investigate a variety of different materials, learning to identify their properties and describe how they are used in everyday life.
The children will build on their scientific understanding by asking questions, making observations, and carrying out simple investigations to help deepen their knowledge and curiosity about the world around them. We are looking forward to seeing the children develop their confidence, vocabulary, and enthusiasm for science throughout the term.

History

Hartlebury Castle – Palace Museum Gardens

In History, the children will be learning about the Victorians and exploring what life was like during the Victorian era. They will discover how schools, homes, jobs, and daily life have changed over time, whilst developing their understanding of significant events and people from the past.
To enhance their learning and bring the topic to life, the children will visit Hartlebury Castle, where they will have the opportunity to explore historical artefacts and experience what life may have been like during Victorian times, particularly for Victorian children and what school life was like during this period.

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Computing

The children will continue to develop their confidence in using digital tools while expressing their creativity musically. The children will use the different sounds within the programme Purple Mash, 2Sequence to create a tune. They will explore how to speed up and slow down tunes and understand what happens to the tune when sounds are moved. We are excited to see the wonderful pieces of art they will create!

DT

The children will design and create their own moving mechanisms using axles and wheels. They'll learn how these parts work together to make things move and will have fun building simple models like cars or carts. This hands-on activity helps them understand basic engineering and design skills in a fun, creative way.

PSHE

The children will learn about how they have grown and changed, managing worries about change, healthy relationships and age-appropriate understanding of bodies and personal safety.
We will undertake lots of activities to help support the children with their transition to a new class and year group. The children will have opportunities to talk about their feelings, celebrate their achievements from this year and discuss any worries or questions they may have about the changes ahead.
Through a range of supportive and engaging activities, we will encourage the children to build confidence, resilience and excitement as they prepare for the next stage of their learning journey.

RE

This term, we will be exploring the question: "What makes some places sacred to believers?" Children will learn to recognise that there are special places where people go to worship and will discuss what happens in these places. We will make connections with the two religions we have studied this year – Christianity and Islam – while also learning about special places that are meaningful to people with non-religious beliefs.

PE

PE will continue to be held on a Wednesday afternoon. The children will be developing their striking and fielding skills through a range of games and activities. They will have opportunities to practise key skills such as throwing, catching, batting, teamwork, and strategic thinking, whilst building confidence and resilience.
Alongside this, the children will also take part in a variety of team-building activities designed to encourage communication, cooperation, problem-solving, and positive relationships with their peers.

Music

In music, all the learning is based around one fun song called Zootime. Pupils get to explore music by singing, playing instruments, and joining in with games. Along the way, they learn about things like rhythm, pulse, and pitch which are all connected to the central song, *Zootime.*

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

- 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
- Wedesday July – Hartlebury Castle Trip
- Friday 3rd July – Summer Fair
- Wednesday 8th July – Whole school transition afternoon

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