Year 3 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 book this term is Kai and the Monkey King

English

In English, we are using the story of Kai and the Monkey King as the inspiration to help us develop our own retelling of an adventure narrative. We are learning to make our writing more engaging to the reader by using adverbials and prepositions (words or phrases explaining where, when or how the verb is actioned) to add detail to our sentences.

We are also learning how to use conjunctions to connect main clauses in compound sentences.

We are continuing to use the Accelerated Reading scheme to promote a regular reading habit. We are pleased to say that our initial use has resulted in children reading enthusiastically and a healthy competition has developed between the two classes - each eager to get a higher word-count than the other!

Maths

In maths we will be looking at multiplication and division in terms of equal groups of objects.

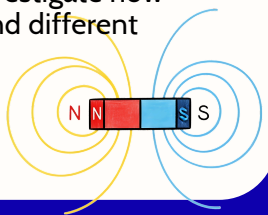
We will use concrete resources and pictorial methods to support our understanding of multiplication and division and how they relate to repeated addition and subtraction respectively.

We will then recap our knowledge and rapid recall of 2's 5's and 10 times tables.

Following this we will be learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and their related division facts and use this newly-acquired knowledge to solve various problems.

Science

We will be looking at the exciting world of forces in many their different forms. Magnetism forms a large part of this topic and we will be exploring the attributes of magnetic forces and performing experiments to investigate how magnetic forces act upon each other and different materials.



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History

In History, we are travelling back in time to Ancient China and asking the question - 'How did disagreements about how to treat others cause the conflict that ended the Shang Dynasty?' During this exciting topic, we will be finding out about life for both the ordinary people and their leaders of this period through primary and secondary sources.

Spanish

GRACIAS

We are all enjoying learning Spanish with Miss Wheeler, learning how to introduce ourselves as well as counting to twenty and to name colours in Spanish.

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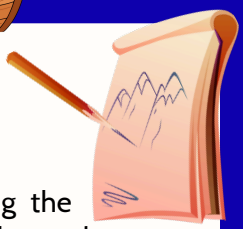
This half term finds us exploring the lives of 'People of God' in the Old Testament of the Christian Bible. Specifically, we will be looking at the stories of Noah and Abraham and the covenants they made with God. We will then consider the agreements that other Christians make with God and with other people as part of their faith.

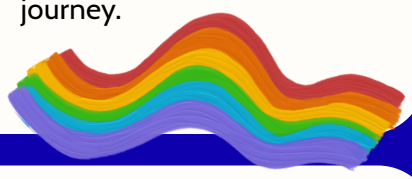
PE

We will be focusing on dance in this half term. Hopefully, you will be able to see the results of our practice when we perform to you as part of our Christmas festivities.

Art

In Art, we will be developing the techniques and skills needed to create accurate paintings of still life. We will be looking at tone and form as well as learning how to mix colours to achieve the desired effect for our work. We will be using our sketchbooks to document our artistic journey.





Dates for diary

Monday 8th December - Christmas Sing-along 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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