Year 3 Spring 2 2026

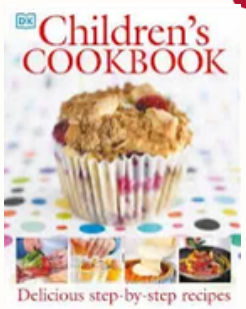
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

St Catherine's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. Although it is a slightly shorter half term, we have lots of exciting learning and activities planned. The children are ready to build on the fantastic progress they have made so far, and we are looking forward to another busy and engaging few weeks.

Our book this term is The Children's Cookbook



English

In English this term, we will be exploring imperative verbs, fronted adverbials, and conjunctions through the context of recipe writing. The children will plan and write their own recipes, focusing on clear and precise instructions to make sure anyone can follow their steps. To bring this learning to life, we will then put our recipes to the test by cooking them, helping the children see the importance of clarity and logical sequencing in writing.

Maths

This half term in Maths, our focus will be on measurement and fractions, building on previous learning to strengthen understanding. Morning maths sessions will continue to consolidate key concepts and ensure confidence across a range of topics. We will also be practising times tables and division facts to improve fluency and support problem-solving in everyday contexts.

Science

In Science, we will be learning all about rocks, exploring the different types and their properties. This topic links closely with our Stone Age History lessons, helping children understand how early humans used natural resources for tools, shelter, and daily life. Hands-on activities will allow children to examine rocks closely and learn how to classify and describe them scientifically.

History

In History, our topic is the Stone Age, and the children will investigate the question: What were the major achievements of the Stone Age? They will explore how people lived, the tools they created, and how life gradually changed over time. Through hands-on activities and discussion, children will gain a sense of how early humans adapted to their environment and left a lasting impact on history.

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Computing

Our Computing lessons will start with a focus on online safety, particularly exploring self-image and how we present ourselves online. Following this, the children will learn about databases using Purple Mash, practising how to organise, store, and retrieve information effectively. These skills will help them understand how technology can support learning and decision-making.

PSHE

During this term, we will talk about the importance of exercise and how it helps your body to stay healthy. We will also talk about their heart and lungs, discuss what they do and that they are very important. The children will talk about calories, fat and sugar; they will discuss what each of these are and how the amount they consume can affect their health. We will discuss different types of drugs; the ones you take to make you better as well as other drugs. The children think about things, places and people that are dangerous and link this to strategies for keeping themselves safe.

RE

In RE, our focus is on Salvation, exploring the question: Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? The children will reflect on the significance of this day for Christians and how it demonstrates themes of forgiveness, hope, and the importance of faith in everyday life.

Art/DT

In Design and Technology this term, Year 3 will be learning about Eating Seasonally. The children will explore how different fruits and vegetables grow in different countries depending on their climates, and will identify which foods grow in which season in the UK. They will learn that eating seasonal produce can have a positive impact on the environment and will understand how importing food can increase environmental impact. The class will research recipes that use seasonal ingredients and will develop their knowledge of food preparation, including identifying the correct equipment and explaining why food must be prepared safely. They will taste a variety of fruits and vegetables, describing their flavours and textures, before designing their own seasonal dishes and explaining the nutritional benefits of their chosen ingredients. Finally, the children will evaluate their finished dishes, giving and receiving thoughtful feedback to celebrate strengths and suggest improvements.

PE

In PE, the children will develop their skills through tag rugby and dodgeball. Dodgeball is an exciting target game played between two teams, where players must dodge or catch balls thrown by the opposition while trying to strike opponents themselves. These sessions will encourage teamwork, strategic thinking, and agility, as well as helping children to develop coordination and confidence in a fun, active environment.

Homework and Home Learning

We will continue to set weekly MyMaths and spelling homework, running from Wednesday to Wednesday. We have been extremely impressed with the children's enthusiasm for reading, and we would love this to continue throughout the half term. Regular reading at home makes a huge difference to fluency, comprehension, and enjoyment of books — thank you for your continued support

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

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