Year 5 Autumn 2025

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

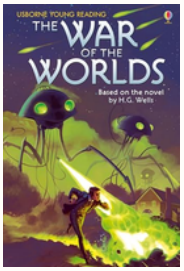
St Catherine's CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Welcome to our Curriculum Newsletter for the second half of the Autumn Term.

Our book this term is The War of the Worlds







English

Our new text that we are using is an adaptation of 'The War of the Worlds'. We will be focusing on writing science fiction narratives, including how we can write in the different forms of the past tense consistently and how we can select vocabulary that will provoke a given response. We will also be looking at how we can form well-structured paragraphs that incorporate direct speech.

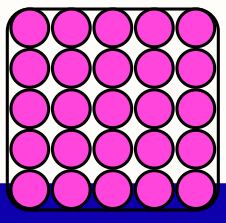


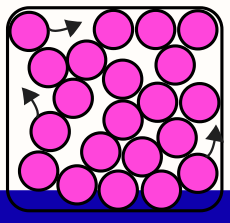
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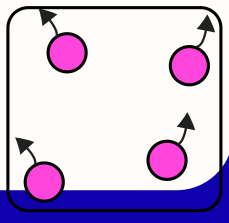
This half term in Year 5, we will be building on our knowledge of multiplication and start to multiply and divide whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. This will help us as we move onto finding the Perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes, where we will be using decimal and whole numbers.

Science

In science we are investigating separating materials. Children will be testing out mixing solutions and finding ways to separate mixtures. They will also investigate changes in materials from one state to another and investigate both reversible and irreversible changes including those that occur through cooling, heating and burning.







Art

The children will be studying examples of still life art, mixing tints and shades of colour and creating their own compositions to produce and paint their own still life art.

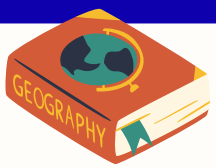




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Geography



Following the work maps in Year 4, during this half term we will be creating 3D contour map models that accurately show the increase in height. We will be using our new knowledge to then look at contour maps and try to visualize what they would look like in real life.



Heartsmart



This half term children will be considering ways to love themselves and others.





Design Technology

In DT we will be investigating how gears and pulleys work to allow objects to move in a controlled manner. We will then have a go at building our own systems that incorporate either gears or pulleys.



Music & PE



Our Christmas show, 'Pirates of the Currybean' will be our focus for our Music and PE. We will be learning choreographed dances as part of PE and we have been working hard on singing the group songs too.





RE

Our topic in RE this half term is Judaism.
We will be recapping some of the key information about the religion and focusing on why their holy book is so important to them.





Computing

In Computing we will be learning how to create games on Purple Mash.
We will also be learning about the systems work and how to create our own games.





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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