Year 5 Spring 2 2026 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

St Catherine's CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term

We hope you had a wonderful half term. We are looking forward to some exciting learning in the term ahead!

Our book this term is The Iron Man by Ted Hughes







English

In our English work this half term our Text is going to be The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We are going to write using figurative language (similes, metaphors and personification) to help us create detailed and vivid character descriptions. We will then continue to use The Iron Man to write an explanation, where we will adjust our formality and use organizational features such as paragraphs, subheadings and bullet point lists.



Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be learning about Fractions. We will build on the knowledge we gained in Year 4 to help us add, subtract and order fractions. We will also learn how to convert and simplify fractions, including mixed numbers and improper fractions. We will finish this unit by looking at how fractions, decimals and percentages can be used to show equivalence. $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$



Science





For our Science sessions, we will be learning about different classifications of living things and how their life cycles compare to each other. We will study amphibians, birds, insects and mammals, to help us understand how life on Earth can vary. We will also study their habitats and adaptations, to see how living things change to suit the environment they live in.

PE

Year 5 will have PE on a Friday. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kits on a Friday.

During our PE sessions, we will be learning about dodgeball and rugby. We will build on our knowledge of ball games and how we need to use core skills, such as balance, coordination and speed, to help us improve within these sports.









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History

During our History sessions we will be studying the fascinating civilization of ancient Egypt. We will be studying their way of life, including their many achievements, and how they went from being one of the most advanced civilizations, to their downfall at the hands of the Romans.

RE

In Religious Education, we will be looking at the question, 'Why do Christians think Jesus is the Messiah?' As one of Christianity's core beliefs, our focus will be on how this idea of a Messiah translates to what Christians think and do, as part of their faith.

Spanish

Miss Wheeler will continue to teach our Spanish lessons, where we will be looking at both the spoken and written language. We will be learning how to pronounce words correctly and use the correct grammar, when speaking and writing in Spanish.

Homework

Homework will be sent on every Friday and is due in the following Thursday. The children will be given a list of spellings with activities to complete and a maths homework, linked to what the children have been learning about in their maths lessons. The maths homework is found on the MyMaths website and all the login details can be found in the front of their spelling homework books.

Music

Across the Spring term, Mrs Wharton will be teaching us how to play the violins. We will be analysing different pieces of music and use musical vocabulary to explain our thoughts and opinions on them. We will also have a go at composing our own music ideas and perform them to the class. As we practice the violin, we will begin to read different forms of notation, from following letters to reading staff notation.

Computing

In Computing, we will be using Purple Mash to help us make our own digital games. We will be using various coding features that allow us to create 2D games. Once we have made them, we will try out each other's games and give constructive feedback about their usability.

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

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