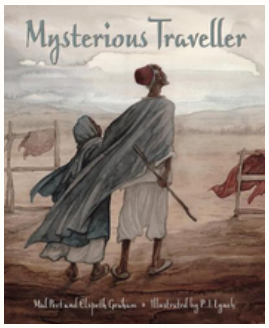
Year 5 Summer 2 2026

St Catherine's CE Primary School

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

We cannot believe that we have reached the final half term of Year 5! The year has flown by and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved so far. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned to finish the year, with engaging projects, practical investigations and opportunities for the children to showcase their growing knowledge and skills.



Our book this half term is 'The Mysterious Traveller'



English

This half term in English, we will be exploring a range of exciting texts, including our focus book, 'The Mysterious Traveller'. Through this adventurous quest story, children will develop their reading and writing skills by analysing characters, settings and plot developments before creating their own imaginative pieces of writing. Alongside this, we will study a selection of classic narrative poetry, exploring how poets use language and structure to engage their readers. We will also investigate a variety of persuasive texts, identifying the features that make arguments effective before planning and writing our own persuasive pieces for different audiences and purposes.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to develop our confidence and fluency across a range of important topics. We will build on our understanding of decimals, applying our knowledge to solve increasingly complex problems. In Geometry, we will explore the properties of shape, identifying and comparing different polygons and investigating their features. We will also learn about position and direction, including the use of coordinates to describe and plot positions accurately. Later in the term, we will focus on measurement, converting between different units and applying our mathematical reasoning skills to solve a variety of real-life problems.

Science

In Science, our topic of Forces will see us thinking like scientists as we investigate how different forces affect the movement of objects. We will begin by revisiting our understanding of pushes, pulls and friction before exploring the effects of gravity and air resistance. Through a range of practical investigations, children will make predictions, carry out fair tests and analyse their results. One of our most exciting experiments will involve designing, making and testing parachutes to investigate how air resistance can affect the speed at which objects fall. Through these hands-on experiences, pupils will develop both their scientific knowledge and enquiry skills.

History

This half term in History, we will be exploring the fascinating world of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will investigate the question: *Were there any differences between Anglo-Saxons and Viking invaders?* Children will develop their chronological understanding by creating timelines and examining key events from this period in British history. We will explore daily life, jobs and settlements, comparing the similarities and differences between Anglo-Saxon and Viking communities. Through a range of engaging activities, pupils will deepen their understanding of how these groups influenced the development of Britain.

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PE

This half term in PE, children will develop their skills in Cricket and Outdoor Adventurous Activities. Through cricket, pupils will practise batting, bowling, fielding and teamwork while applying these skills in competitive games. During Outdoor Adventurous Activities, children will work collaboratively to solve challenges, improve communication skills and develop resilience through a range of practical and engaging tasks.

RE

In RE this half term, we will be exploring the question: *What matters most to Humanists and Christians?* Through our study of both religious and non-religious worldviews, children will investigate the beliefs, values and principles that guide people's lives. We will compare the similarities and differences between Humanist and Christian perspectives, considering how these beliefs influence decision-making, behaviour and attitudes towards others. Through discussion and reflection, pupils will develop their understanding of respect, diversity and different ways of seeing the world.

Heads and Hearts

This half term in Heads and Hearts, pupils will explore the themes of Building Positive, Healthy Relationships and Changing Me. Through a range of age-appropriate activities and discussions, children will learn about forming respectful relationships, recognising positive qualities in themselves and others, and understanding how relationships can support wellbeing. As part of the Changing Me unit, pupils will explore physical and emotional changes as they grow older, helping them to develop confidence, resilience and a positive understanding of change.

Homework

The children will be set homework on a Friday and it is due in the following Thursday. They will receive spelling homework which will be taught in class the following week. The maths homework will reflect the learning they have completed that week, within their maths lessons. Maths homework is still on MyMaths and the login details can be found on the inside of their spelling homework book.

Computing

This half term in Computing, we will continue to develop our digital skills through a range of exciting units. Children will explore databases, learning how information can be stored, organised and searched efficiently. They will also build on their coding knowledge by creating, testing and debugging simple programs, developing their understanding of algorithms and logical thinking. In addition, pupils will learn how to use spreadsheets to organise and analyse data and will further develop their word-processing skills to create professional-looking documents. Online safety will remain an important focus throughout the term as children learn how to stay safe and responsible when using technology.

We are looking forward to a fantastic final half term and thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 12th June – Chocolate Non Uniform Day
- Thursday 18th June – Parent event 9.00am – 9.40am
- Friday 19th June – Bottle Non Uniform Day
- Friday 19th June – Bingo Night/Fish and chips (PTA)
- Friday 26th June - Sports Day - (Year 4,5 & 6) 9.00am – 12.30pm
- Friday 3rd July – Summer Fair
- Wednesday 8th July – Whole school transition afternoon

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