



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Year 5 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have had a fantastic and well-rested time with family and friends. Year 5 have come back to school ready to learn and are off to a great start!



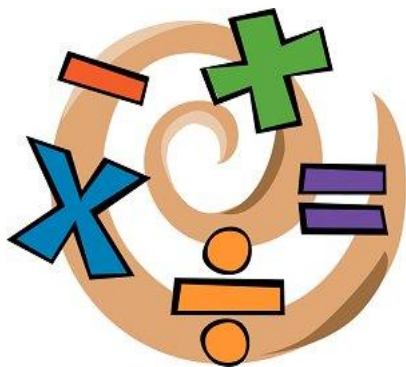
English

In our English work this term, we will be working on a variety of text types linked to our topics. We will be reading 'Tales from the Arabian Nights' as our class novel.

GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) will continue to be taught discretely this term and your child will also work on their reading comprehension and speaking and listening skills.

Reading

Year 5 is a very important year in your child's development; I would like to ask for your support by ensuring that they have the opportunity to read at home. It is an expectation that the children complete at least 2 Reading Eggspress lessons per week both at home and in school. Children are also expected to read their school reading book each week and write a comment in their own reading record. It would be great if you could also write in the records when you have read with your child.



Maths

The children will continue to develop their mathematical knowledge and understanding and complete problem-solving and reasoning activities in the following areas:

- ❖ Place Value
- ❖ Calculations
- ❖ Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
- ❖ Geometry and Measurement
- ❖ Statistics

Science

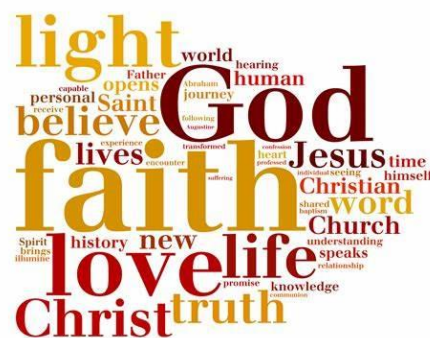
This term we will be studying 'Life Cycle of Plants and Animals'.

Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

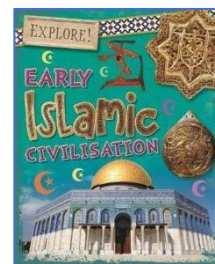
- ❖ The Local Church
- ❖ The Eucharist
- ❖ Lent/Easter
- ❖ Islam

In RE, your children will be encouraged to make links between different religious beliefs, sources and ideas, using their religious knowledge to understand how their own and others' lives are influenced by faith.



History and Geography

This half-term we are studying an interesting history topic - The Early Islamic Civilisation. After half-term we will be studying 'Coasts' as our geography topic.



Art and Design Technology

This term the children are going to be exploring and developing a variety of different techniques including painting and creating their own electronic guitars. If you would like to send an old T-shirt to protect your child from paint and mess, they may keep this in their locker across this period.

Computing

Year 5 will be learning about data collection and beginning to develop their programming skills.

Music and French

After half-term, the children will be continuing to learn to play the Ukulele and have French lessons with Madame Dryden.



Notices



PE - PE will be on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that children come to school in their complete kit, including trainers. St. Cuthbert's School PE kit consists of: white t-shirt, navy /black shorts and **plain** navy /black tracksuit bottoms. All PE should be non-branded items.

Homework

Homework will continue as follows:

- ❖ The learning of times tables and related division facts should be treated as ongoing; they will be tested every week. Children can practise these skills on **Times Tables Rockstars**.
- ❖ Children should be completing at least 2 lessons on **Reading Eggspress** per week as well as reading their **school reading books** and reading to an adult at home. We would like to see both children and adults completing the Reading Records which will be collected in every Tuesday.
- ❖ **Spellings** will be given out each Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. Children can practise their spellings each week on Spelling Shed and/or using their spelling books.

We look forward to what the coming term will bring. If you have any questions or anything to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me on Year5@stcuthbertsk.org.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Mr Dodds