St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Half-termly Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Berry Pomeroy Spring, 2024

	Homework	Set on Google Classroom: Homework is posted on Friday and the spelling test will be on the following Friday.
		Spelling : Spellings for the term with this term's spellings and the date they will be tested. Challenge lists will be sent out with these to children who would like to have these. Spellings are tested on Thursday.
		<u>Literacy and maths</u> : Children should be reading for about half an hour each day and recording this in their purple reading diary. In maths, children have their MathsFlex codes to access the learning linked to the topic we are studying in class. Children should also ensure they are practising their times tables on TTRS or Hit the Button (or with someone at home) as we have times tables tests 3 times a week which focus on speed and accuracy.
	Reading for Pleasure	This half term we will be reading: MICHAEL MORPURGO Nightingale Wood The Giant's Necklace Figure 1 to 2015
	Writing	We will be exploring stories which have a theme of Suspense and mystery to work towards writing our own stories. After this, we will be learning all about Shackleton's Journey and writing our own Biography detailing the events of someone's life.
2+3=5	Maths	In Year 6 , we begin our term with ratio and then we will move onto algebra and then spend the most part of the term on fractions, decimals and percentages. In Year 5 , we will be continuing to work on our knowledge of Fractions. We will be working with equivalent fractions, improper fractions, mixed numbers and adding and subtracting fractions.
	RE	This half term our units are The Church Community and Eucharist. The first unit looks in depth at the books of the bible, the organisation of the Bible and how to use it to support a faith journey. The second unit focuses on the Sacrament of Eucharist and how it can help people to be part of a community.
	Science	This half term's topic is Earth and Space. We will be exploring how the Earth, Moon and Planets move in relationship to each other and how we on Earth experience night and day. We will also be researching the

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	work of famous scientists and astronomers to evaluate their contribution to our knowledge of the solar system.
Geography	For Geography we are looking at On the move- are all roles equal. This focuses on migration and the various push and pull factors that make people move between countries. We will look in depth at asylum seekers and how we can endeavour to make the world a fairer, safer and happier place for everyone.
Art	In Art we are focussing on developing our understanding of creating Landscapes . We will be looking at the work of local artist Laura Wall and developing our printing and watercolour skills to produce mixed media work.
RHE	This half term the children will be learning about Gender stereotypes and gender inequalities in the workplace. They will discuss their views on this and formulate how they might achieve their ideal situation.
PE	Berry will have an extended PE lesson on <u>Tuesday morning</u> with Premier sports and we will do a mini PE lesson on <u>Thursday.</u> This term we are doing invasion games and striking and fielding.
Computing	In this half term we will be looking at the use of barcodes and QR codes and how to use formulas in spreadsheets.
French	This half term we will be focussing on way of Presenting Ourselves , e.g. our name, age, nationality, gender, physical attributes
Teacher contact:	You can contact your child's class teacher via email or google classrooms. Email addresses are available on the school website. Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30 am - 3.15 pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office admin@stncs.uk during the school day. There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to emails or messages received after 6 pm or at the weekend.
	Art RHE PE Computing French

If you would like to come in to listen to readers in school or to maybe even share a favourite story with the class, you would be more than welcome! We have a lovely photo collection of people over the years who have shared favourite stories or extracts with the class. If you'd be interested then please contact Mrs Hughes to find out more! Thank you!