St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Half-termly Curriculum Newsletter

Class: Lydford



	Homework	Reading: Your child will bring home their new Phonics book or sheet on a Friday. Please try to read this 3 or more times with them throughout the week. If your child is on AR they should complete their quiz in school and aim to change their book at least once a week (depending on the length on their book). <u>Spelling/Maths</u> This will be set on a Friday on google classroom and will be linked to the learning we have completed that week.
	Reading for Pleasure	This half term we will be reading:
Abcd phonics	Phonics	The children will be placed in their phonics groups based on their most recent assessments and will continue to be assessed every half term to progress through the groups. When your child has finished the grey books they will move onto our Accelerated Reader program and borrow books from the library to continue their reading progress. As your child progresses onto this details will be sent to you via parent mail.
	Writing	In Literacy we will be reading and writing about the story Daisy Doodles. We will be thinking carefully about how good stories have a clear beginning, middle and end. In the second half of this term we will be looking at the poem Dino Dinners.
2+3=5	Maths	In Maths we are finishing off our topic of shape. The children have learnt how to count vertices, edges and faces of 3D shapes. Next we will be money, including recognising and counting amounts of money and finding change. Just before half term we will be starting multiplication and division. Look out for your child's Times Table Rockstar login which will be coming in a few weeks!
	RE	Our first topic this term is "Books". We will be thinking about the different types of books in our school, The Parish and our home. We will look closely at the Bible and the Gospels. We will think about our own favourite stories from the Bible.

	Science	In Science our topic this half term is "Living Things and their habitats". We will be first looking at what a habitat is and how it provides an animal with its basic needs. After looking at a range of habitats around the world and what animals live there, we will be closely studying habitats in our local area before investigating what animals eat and creating our own food chains.
	Art	In Art we will be looking at different types of 'digital art' and thinking about ways we can create digital artwork without it necessarily being on a computer! We will be practising using various types of media to create our artwork and our final pieces will be on the theme of space!
	Geography	This term in Geography we will be looking at deserts. We will be looking at the locations of deserts and thinking about how a location can affect the climate. We will be comparing Antarctica and the Sahara.
	PSHE	In PSHE we will begin by thinking about the ways in which we are all special and unique! We will then move on to thinking about how we can stay clean and healthy.
11 O D	PE	PE this half term will be on Wednesday and Thursday . The children will continue to practise key ball skills, including throwing, catching, kicking, bouncing and rolling.
	Computing	Our focus this half term will be around data collection. We will be using the chromebooks to create different ways to present information we collect, including pictograms, bar charts and creating simple databases. Our online safety focus for this half term is "Who to ask when posting samething online"
@	Teacher contact:	something online" 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 <u>admin@stncs.uk</u> 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.