



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Year 5 Summer Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We have made it to the final term in year 5! The children worked extremely hard during the Easter term, and have returned with great enthusiasm and fantastic attitudes towards learning!

English

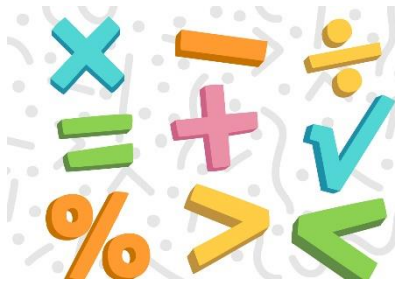
English work will be linked to our class novel, Beowulf. Children will be focusing on a narrative style of writing, whilst making links to our history topic.

Gps (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) will continue to be taught discretely this term and your child will also be working 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 Reading Plus at least 3 times per week both at home and in school. The children need to complete a minimum of 5 reading assignments each week as well as a vocabulary. 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

Children should also be using the Time Tables Rockstars app at home to keep up their fluency in times tables.

Science

This term we will be studying topics on the human body.

History

Our topics for this term are The Anglo Saxons and The Vikings. This will be closely linked to our English lessons where we will be reading Beowulf.

Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

- ❖ Transformation
- ❖ Freedom and Responsibility
- ❖ Stewardship

In RE, 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.



Computing

Year 5 will be completing a unit called 'vector drawing.' Children will learn how to draw objects, modify objects, combine objects and evaluate object on computers and ipads.

Design and Technology

This term the children are going to be exploring and developing their knowledge on structures. Children will look at reinforcing structures, designing bridges, making bridges, and testing and evaluating bridges.

Year 5 will also be taking part in a science, technology, engineering and maths project (STEM) 'Crank it Up' project at Beamish.

Notices

PE – Children will have gymnastics on a Monday afternoon as well as the normal PE sessions, that will continue to be on a Friday afternoon this term. Please ensure that children come to school on this day in a complete kit, including trainers, making sure that each item is clearly labelled with your child's name. St. Cuthbert's School PE kit consists of: white t-shirt, navy /black shorts and plain navy /black tracksuit bottoms. If PE days change over the term, you will be informed via text message.

Puberty talk – Staff from the NHS Foundation Trust will be coming into school to deliver their 'Changing and Growing' lesson on Tuesday 16th May 2023, letters will be given out in due course.

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 their times tables at home using Times Tables Rockstars.
- ❖ Children should be completing Reading Plus assignments twice per week at home. These sessions should be at least 30 minutes each and children can do this independently.
- ❖ Children should be reading their reading books regularly at home and reading to an adult at home at least twice per week. 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 Tuesday and will be tested the following Tuesday. Spellings are available to practise on Spelling Shed each week.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16th May 2023 – puberty talk

Thursday 25th May 2023 – Holy Island trip

Wednesday 28th June 2023 – Beamish 'Crank it up' competition.

We are looking forward to what the coming term will bring. g. If you have any questions or anything to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me on Year5stcuthbertsk@stcuthbertsk.org.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Miss Dorning, Miss Dembry, Miss Thompson and Mrs Ganguly.