



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, Anglo-Saxon Boy- a story of the bloody battle of 1066. 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 Express for at least 30 minutes per week, on the Lessons section to help them to progress. They will be accessing this both at home and in school. The 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, we will be focusing on mixed times tables across this half term.

Science

This term we will be studying Changing Materials and building on our working scientifically knowledge and skills to do this.

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 a range of comprehension texts to support our learning.

Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

- ❖ Transformation
- ❖ Freedom and Responsibility
- ❖ Stewardship

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.



Computing

Year 5 will be completing a unit called 'Editing Videos' and building our knowledge of programming. We aim to use a range of devices to help support our learning, as well as making links to offline real life application.

Design and Technology

This term the children are going to be exploring and developing their knowledge on structures. Children 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 morning/. 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 – We will continue to talk about changes to our body in our RHE sessions this half term, as well as exploring social pressures and developing our online safety knowledge in discrete sessions.

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 Express lessons at home. These should be at least 30 minutes across the week 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 once 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.

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 Year5stucthbertsk@stcuthbertsk.org.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Mrs Sneezham and Miss Thompson