



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!

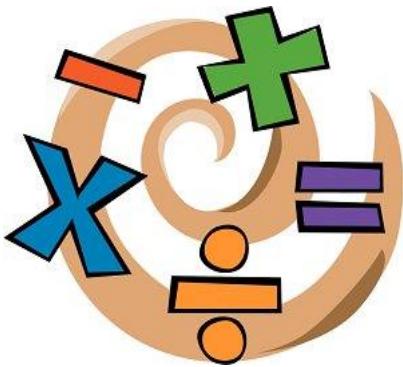
English

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 'Properties and Changes of Materials' and 'Life Cycle of Plants and Animals'. We have a great opportunity to visit Scotswood Garden to explore these topics in further detail on the **16th January** and **Tuesday 25th June**.

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 painting techniques, creating their own electronic guitars and also be learning about different foods and why seasonality of food is important. 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 Friday 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.

During this term, there will be an opportunity for children to explore their social and emotional skills. The sessions will take place in small groups and be led by Mrs Sneezham or another member of staff.

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 Monday.
- ❖ Spellings will be given out each Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. Children can practise their spellings each week on Spelling Shed.

We enjoyed getting to know the class last term and 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,

Miss Dorning and Miss Thompson