

# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



**Year 5**

**Spring 1**

## English

This term, we are continuing our work on 'The Nowhere Emporium', exploring its magical world and deepening our understanding of character and setting. After that, we will move on to an exciting poetry unit, where the children will experiment with language and imagery to create their own poems. Finally, we will finish the term by writing a detailed non-chronological report all about emperor penguins, combining research skills with clear and engaging writing.

## Maths

We will be focussing on short multiplication and division to build strong foundational skills. We will learn efficient techniques for multiplying and dividing numbers. Additionally, we will explore the concepts of area and scaling, allowing students to understand how to measure space and compare sizes in different contexts.

## Science

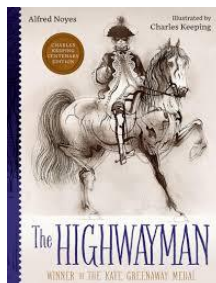
This term, we are diving into the fascinating world of Earth and Space. We will learn about the planets in our solar system, explore the time it takes for planets to orbit the Sun, discover the largest object that orbits Earth, and find out why we have day and night. We'll also investigate the changing shapes of the moon.

## RE

We will explore the theme of Mission. We will study scripture from Isaiah, understand how people live out Jesus' mission today, learn about the role and mission of a diocese, and explore how Jesus' teachings on unity help with difficulties and diversity. We will also compare various religious beliefs to deepen understanding and respect for different faiths.

## History

In our upcoming history unit, we will be diving into the intriguing world of the Vikings. We will learn about how the Vikings arrived in Britain around AD 787 from Denmark, Norway and Sweden. We'll explore their raids on places like monasteries, their quest for land and valuable goods such as gold, jewels, and imported foods. We will also discover the significant role of King Alfred the Great, who was the first to defeat the Vikings in battle.



## Design and Technology

The children will start by creating and improving gear and pulley systems, understanding their functions and applications. They will then conduct market research and design an innovative eco-gadget bike, applying design criteria to evaluate their creations.

## Music

This term in Music, we will be exploring Pop Ballads through the song "Make You Feel My Love" and diving into Old-School Hip-Hop with "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." The students will learn to appreciate different musical genres and develop their performance skills.

## PSHE

We will be continuing our Life to the Full topics, looking at emotional changes, making babies and menstruation.

## PE

This half term in PE, we will be going swimming to build confidence and skill in the water. Through these sessions, we will learn various techniques and how to be safe in the water. Additionally, we will be engaging in net and wall games such as tennis and volleyball. These activities will help enhance their coordination, teamwork and strategic thinking abilities.

## French

This term in French, students will learn basic grammar, compare language patterns with English, improve listening and speaking skills, and describe people and actions both orally and in writing.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday spent with loved ones. I am really looking forward to lots of fun and learning over the next term.

## Key information

Homework – Homework is due in on **Friday** please. Spelling tests are every **Friday**. I will also be sending out a homework grid based on our topic at the start of term for the children to complete over the first half term – more details on this at a later date. Children are also expected to read each night at home and record in their reading diaries.

- Children should have a book bag to carry letters, homework, reading book and reading record. This is to come to school every day. **No backpacks as we have limited room in the classroom/cloakroom.**
- Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school at all times.
- P.E kits –Your child will wear PE kit on their PE days. The school PE kit should include: a blue T shirt, blue /black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers. No jewellery to be worn during P.E. lessons. **Swimming kit to be brought into school on Tuesdays.**
- Please ensure your child brings their reading record every day.
- P.E. will be on a **Monday**.

I am available after school if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns. If you wish to arrange an appointment, please contact Mrs Johnson in the school office, or alternatively you can speak to me at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support

Mr Seville