



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring term (second half)

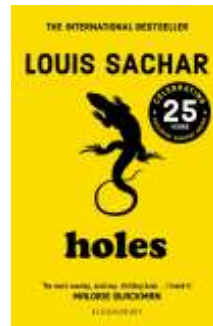


We are pleased to be able to share with you the content of the curriculum that your children will receive until half term.

This half term, our learning is centred around social justice, linking to Catholic Social Teaching. The children will be learning about the experiences of refugees and thinking, in an age appropriate manner, about the issues surrounding the refugee question.

ENGLISH

This half term, we will continue to read the fantastic, award winning 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.



In our reading comprehension sessions, the children also experience a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, based on a range of subjects relating to the whole curriculum and to special events.

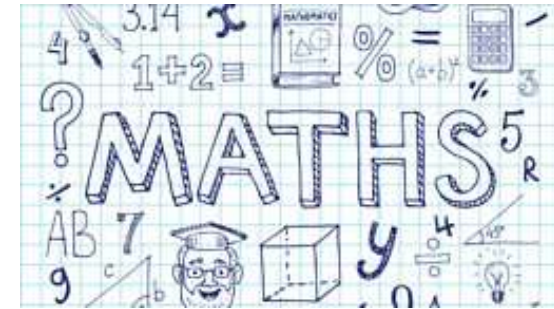
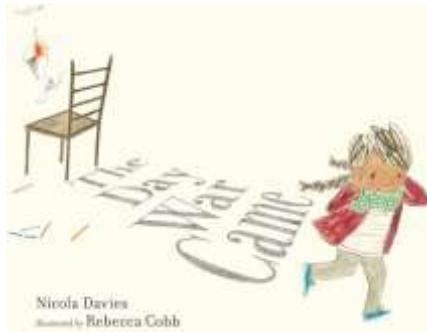
Please continue to read the book sent home from school with your child at least four times a week.

ENGLISH – writing

We base the teaching of our writing on the language and structure found in quality texts.

Narrative writing:

Our writing this term is linked to our refugee topic. The children will be reading 'The Day War Came' by Nicola Davies, a book about a child who finds themselves having to flee their country because of war. We will use this as a stimulus for narrative writing, as well as letter writing, persuasive writing and balanced arguments.



This half term we will cover the following topics:

- **Fractions, decimals, percentages**
- **Area and perimeter**
- **Statistics**

For each topic, we work through the following sequence, encouraging the mastery approach in Maths which helps the children to apply their knowledge:

1. We practise the skill.
2. We answer reasoning questions based on the skill.
3. We problem solve, applying the skill we have learnt.

You can view our calculation policy on the school website, which may help you to understand how we teach Maths in school.

<https://www.spcj.co.uk/letters/> We will also complete weekly basic skills sessions, which help the children to practise core mathematical skills

Maths homework is set weekly on Century. Pupils are also encouraged to practice their times tables on TT Rock Stars.

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Here are our topics for this half term:

Unity

Children will begin to understand what nourishes and what spoils friendship and unity. They will learn about how the Eucharist challenges and enables the Christian family to live and grow in communion every day.

Death and New Life

The children will explore the death and resurrection of Jesus, making links between Scripture and how this impacts the lives of believers today.

PSHE

Here are our topics for this half term:

Managing sleep:

In this topic we will be:

- Exploring the importance of a good night's sleep.

Legal and illegal drugs:

In this topic we will be:

- Learn how the correct use of medicines, and how vaccinations and immunisation, can help to maintain health and wellbeing
- Know about some of the risks and effects of legal and illegal drug use
- Understand the reasons why people use drugs
- Be able to manage situations and peer influence
- learn that mixed messages about drug use in the media exist and that these can influence opinions and decisions

This term, we will be:

Studying ELECTRICITY. We will recap over the basics of electrical circuits (last covered in Year 4) and will investigate how to make bulbs brighter, motors faster, explaining how and why we can alter the output of circuits.

British Science Week falls into this half term, with pupils exploring famous scientists and how Science impacts our everyday lives.

MUSIC

BBC TEN PIECES 'Largo' by Dvorak

As well as exploring layers of sound and different tempo in an orchestral piece, pupils will explore the message and themes of this famous piece.

Art

Banksy!

We will explore how Art can be used to convey messages, looking at the works of Banksy before designing and creating our own Art piece, linked to our refugee topic.



SPANISH

In the first half of term, our specialist Spanish teacher will be teaching the children how to say the names of animals in Spanish. They will also be learning how to talk about their home environment using Spanish vocabulary.

“Nos gusta aprender español en St Paul’s.”



PE

‘Athletics’

In this unit, pupils will develop their skills of throwing, running and jumping, building on prior learning from across their time in KS2.

Design and Technology

Sewing: a memory blanket

Pupils will explore and evaluate the concept of a memory blanket. They will then revisit and build on their sewing skills from Year 4, creating a section of a memory blanket for someone who has had to leave their home.



If you have any questions about our curriculum, or any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

The Year 6 teaching team:

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