



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer term (second half)



We are going to have a brilliant last half term in Year 5. Our learning during this period is based on social justice, with all pupils taking part in a conservation project linked to the work of Chester Zoo in raising awareness about global sustainability issues.

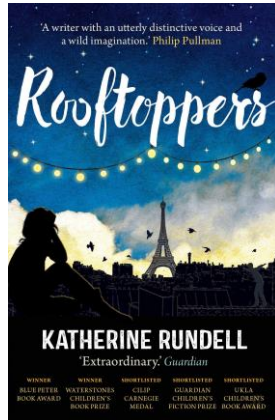


Our Year 5 conservation project is based around the British wildlife crisis.

Due to urbanisation and the decline in wild areas, the number of species of British wildlife has decreased significantly over the past fifty years. Our Year 5s will explore ways in which we can encourage British wildlife to thrive, even in urban areas.

ENGLISH - reading

This half term, we will complete the extraordinary and magical 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell.



In reading comprehension sessions, the children will also continue to 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.

Read Theory continues to be our English homework and is a fantastic way of developing children's comprehension skills at their own level. Please contact school if you have lost your log in!

ENGLISH - writing

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

Narrative writing:

We will create our own biography of Steve Irwin, linking this to our conservation work.

Following this, we will revisit speech writing from Autumn term, creating campaign speeches based on British wildlife conservation.

GRAMMAR:

We will continue to build on and expand upon the children's knowledge of grammar, looking especially this term at:

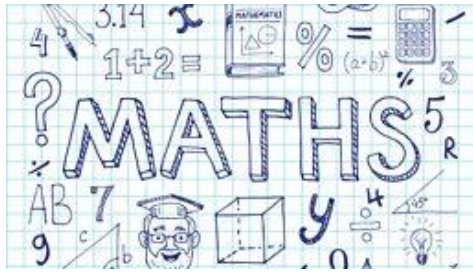
- Parentheses (brackets/dashes/commas)
- Demonstrative determiners: that, those, these etc. (also revise other determiners)
- Converting between direct and indirect speech

As always, we revisit and revise grammar learnt across KS2 in our lessons as well.

SPELLINGS:

This term, we will be covering the following objectives:

- Words with hyphens
- Statutory Word Challenge
- We will revise words we have studied earlier in the year to consolidate knowledge



This half term we will continue to cover the following topics:

- Geometry (shape)
- Geometry (position and direction)

And also cover the following topic:

- Converting units

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 link the skill to questions involving units of measure.
3. We complete missing box questions relating to the skill.
4. We answer reasoning questions based on the skill.
5. 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 on a fortnightly cycle. One week will be a maths activity using a CGP Arithmetic homework book. On the other week, please encourage your child to build their tables skills by playing Times Tables Rock Stars. Ten minutes a day is perfect to build fluency!

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Here are our topics for this half term:

ISLAM:

Building on all learning around the religion of Islam that has taken place over KS2, the children will explore the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr. They will then think about the significance of making the Hajj for Muslims.

STEWARDSHIP:

This is a Catholic social teaching unit, where children explore the importance of respecting Creation and how the Church is called to care for Creation in a variety of ways.

PSHE

Here are our topics for this half term:

Online Image, Identity and Behaviour

We will be using Project Evolve to teach children about how their online identity can be copied, modified or altered and ensuring the children understand how to responsibility choices online.

Managing Money

Children will begin to understand budgeting, spending, payment methods and how charities can help others.



This term, we will be:

Studying PROPERTIES AND CHANGES OF MATERIALS. We will explore the differences between solids, liquids and gases and the ways in which materials can change state.

Music

'British Wildlife Connections'

This is a song-writing unit, where children will explore the roots and features of country music, before using their knowledge to create their own country style song about the crisis in British wildlife.

ART

'Bugs'

Based on the art of the fabulous artist Adonna Kahre, the children will learn new drawing techniques and use these to create their own depictions of endangered British insects.



DT

'Bug hotels'

One way of encouraging wildlife into urban areas is to create bug hotels. The children will use a variety of tools to create a strengthened frame structure before filling the structure with items which will attract insects.



SPANISH

Our specialist Spanish teacher will be encouraging our pupils to use their conversational skills, this half term focusing on different nationalities and using Spanish vocabulary to describe their relative flags.

"Nos gusta aprender español en St Paul's."

PE

'Outdoor Adventurous Activities'

This brilliant unit is full of both individual and team challenges in areas such as journeying and orienteering.

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

Many thanks,

The Year 5 teaching team:

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