



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

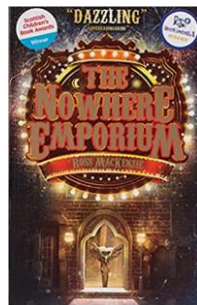
Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer term (first half)



We hope that this helps you to understand and talk with your child about the learning that will be taking place this half term.

ENGLISH – reading

Our novel for this half term in class is the extraordinary, brilliant and award winning 'The Nowhere Emporium' by the Ross Mackenzie.



As ever, 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.

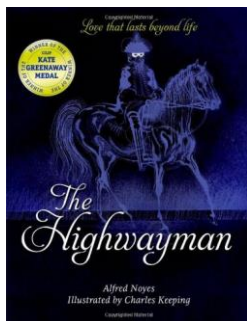
Read Theory continues to be our English homework and is a fantastic way of developing children's comprehension skills at their own level. Please contact school if you have lost your log in!

ENGLISH – writing

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

Narrative Poetry:

This term, we will be studying the classic Narrative poem, 'The Highwayman'. The children will be writing their own narrative poems based on their learning.



GRAMMAR:

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

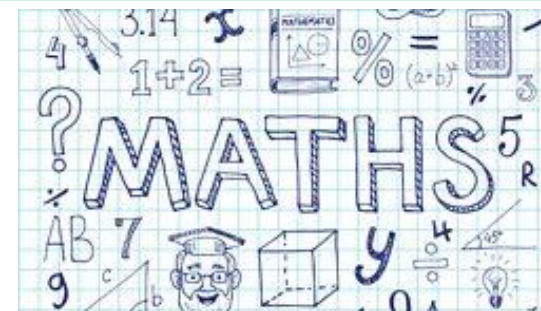
- Standard English
- Verb tense

SPELLINGS:

As well as recapping over previous spelling patterns, we will be focusing on:

- Words ending in -able and -ible
- Words ending in -ably and -ibly

Spelling lessons take place in school, but children can practise as part of their homework, using the tasks and games set on the Emile app. Please ask your class teacher if you have lost your login.



This half term we will cover the following topics:

- Measurement
- Geometry – properties of shape

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, set on Seesaw. 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:

TRANSFORMATION:

We will think about the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, developing our understanding of what happened to Cleopas on the road to Emmaus and also of the impact that Paul's conversion had on both him and on Christians throughout the generations.

FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY:

We will think about the free will that God gives each of us, but also about the responsibilities that we have. Studying the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments will help shape our vision of God's ideal for our lives.

PSHE

In PSHE, this half term we will be covering the topics:

- Changing and developing bodies
- Online Image, Identity and Behaviour

Promoting physical and mental wellbeing is central to our curriculum approach and forms part of our daily life within school.



This term, we will be:

Studying LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS. We will investigate the differences between the life cycles of amphibians, birds and insects. We will also begin to look at simple reproduction in plants and in some animals.

COMPUTING

'AR Games'

In this activity the children will be introduced to the world of Augmented Reality (AR). They will then be set the task of designing and creating a game that uses AR.

HISTORY

'What was life like in Victorian Britain?'

The Victorian era was one of immense change, a period which has had a massive impact on not just life in this country, but around the world. We will study Queen Victoria herself, thinking about the style of rule in her reign. We will also investigate the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the towns and cities of Britain, before finishing our unit with a consideration of the pros and cons of the British Empire.



GEOGRAPHY

'Where does all our stuff come from?'

Questions of sustainability and waste are very much at the forefront of public consciousness. We will guide the children through a consideration of the geographical journey undertaken by the raw materials and products that we use on a day to day business. We will also think about the human cost of producing the 'stuff' that we consume, investigating organisations such as Fairtrade.



SPANISH

In the first half of term, our specialist Spanish teacher will be teaching the children vocabulary and sentence structures relating to discussing family members and hobbies.

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

PE

'Striking and Fielding'

Summer is on its way and we will be practising and honing our striking and fielding skills, as well as recapping over the rules of cricket and rounders.

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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