

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 6 Spring Term 2

English

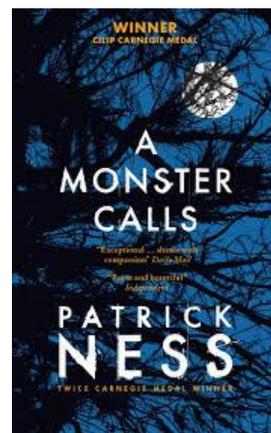
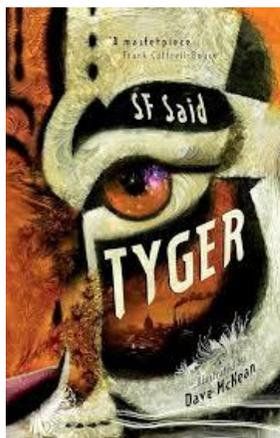
In English this half term, the children will be studying two powerful texts: *Tyger* by S.F. Said and *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness. Through *Tyger*, they will explore dystopian adventure, focusing on how writers build tension and create atmosphere. With *A Monster Calls*, the children will develop their use of suspense, description and characterisation, exploring deeper themes and emotions. Throughout the unit, they will continue to refine their narrative writing, shaping tension carefully and choosing language with precision and confidence.

Maths

In Maths this half term, the children will begin by strengthening their understanding of decimals before exploring the links between decimals, fractions and percentages. They will then move on to applying their knowledge to area, perimeter and volume, developing accuracy and reasoning skills. We will finish the term with a focus on statistics, interpreting and presenting data clearly and confidently. There will continue to be a strong focus on arithmetic skills, with regular practice to build speed, accuracy and confidence in preparation for the SATs.

RE

In RE this half term, the children will begin the topic *Sources*, where they will explore the Bible as a source of inspiration and guidance for Christians. They will focus on the Old Testament, learning about how Scripture reveals God's relationship with his people and how Psalms are used to express thoughts, feelings and beliefs. Through discussion and reflection, the children will consider how these sources continue to influence the lives of believers today.



Science

In Science this half term, the children will be learning about electricity. They will explore how circuits work, investigate the role of different components such as bulbs, buzzers and switches, and learn how to represent circuits using scientific symbols. Through practical investigations, they will develop their understanding of how voltage affects brightness and how to build and test working circuits safely and confidently.

Art

In Art this half term, the children will be exploring printing and textiles through the theme of Viking art. They will study traditional Viking patterns and symbolism, using these as inspiration to design and create their own bold, repeated prints. The children will experiment with different materials and techniques, developing their control, creativity and understanding of pattern, texture and form.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be focusing on relationships, responsibility and living well in community. The children will explore healthy friendships, peer influence and the importance of respect and boundaries, including in online spaces. We will also develop their understanding of personal responsibility, decision-making and how their choices affect others. Rooted in our Catholic values, these lessons will encourage thoughtful discussion, reflection and a growing sense of confidence as the children prepare for the transition to secondary school.

PE

In PE this half term, the children will be developing their skills in dance and badminton. In dance, they will explore movement, rhythm and expression, working collaboratively to create and refine sequences with control and creativity. In badminton, they will focus on developing key skills such as serving, rallying and positioning, building accuracy, coordination and game awareness.

French

In French this half term, the children will build on their learning about school life by developing their conversational skills. They will practise asking and answering questions about their school day, expressing opinions about subjects and extending their sentences using simple conjunctions.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a restful half term and were able to enjoy some family time together. We have a busy and focused half term ahead, and I am really looking forward to all that we will achieve together.

As we move into this final stretch before SATs, there will be a clear and steady focus on preparation across our lessons, particularly in English and Maths. This will be built naturally into our daily teaching so that the children continue to feel confident and supported. Alongside this, homework will reinforce key skills and revision. In addition to weekly homework, children are expected to complete short, regular revision at home using their SATs revision books — particularly practising arithmetic and grammar using the revision books they have. Little and often really does make a difference at this stage, helping to build fluency and confidence.

Key Information

Homework will continue to be sent home every Friday and should be returned by Wednesday. Children are heard reading regularly in school, so reading records must be brought in every day. It is expected that children read at home each night and record this in their reading diaries.

Children should bring a book bag to school each day to carry letters, homework and reading materials. Please remember that backpacks are not permitted due to limited space in the classroom and cloakroom.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day.

P.E. Kits

Children will wear their PE kit to school on PE days. The school PE kit consists of a blue t-shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings, and trainers. No jewellery should be worn (including earrings), and long hair must be tied back. Children may wear their school jumper or cardigan on PE days if needed.

PE lessons will take place every Tuesday and Thursday.

As always, I am available at the start and end of the day for quick questions. If you would prefer a longer or more private conversation, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — it really does make such a difference at this important time.

Miss Murray