

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 5

Autumn Term 1

English

This term, Year 5 will explore a range of engaging texts across different genres. We will write a fantasy narrative inspired by *Lights on Cotton Rock*, explore poetry through *The Mulberry*, focusing on metaphor and imagery, and develop our persuasive writing by creating a balanced argument based on *Screen Use*. Throughout the term, children will continue to build their reading, grammar, spelling and vocabulary skills while growing in confidence as writers.

Maths

This term, Year 5 will build confidence with number by developing their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, before beginning multiplication and division. Children will learn a range of efficient calculation strategies and apply these to reasoning and problem-solving activities, helping them explain their thinking and use mathematics confidently.

Science

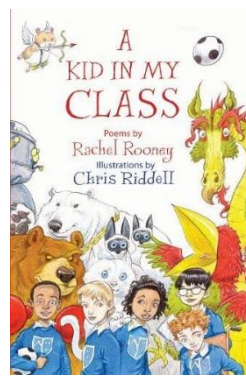
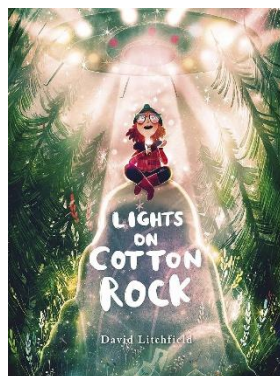
This term, Year 5 will investigate the properties and changes of materials, exploring the big question: Can we change materials? Children will compare and test different materials, investigate reversible and irreversible changes, and develop their scientific enquiry skills by planning investigations, making observations and drawing conclusions from evidence.

RE

This term, Year 5 will explore the unit **Creation and Covenant**, developing their understanding of God's relationship with humanity from the story of Creation through to God's covenant with Abraham. Children will reflect on what these stories reveal about God's love, faithfulness and promises, while considering how they inspire Christians to care for others and the world around them.

History

This term, Year 5 will explore the fascinating world of the Anglo-Saxons through the big question: Who were the Anglo-Saxons and why did they come to Britain? Children will investigate why the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain, how they lived, and the impact they had on the country's language, culture and way of life.



Computing

This term, Year 5 will explore how search engines work and how to search the internet safely and effectively. Children will learn how to use keywords to find reliable information, recognise that not everything online is trustworthy, and become responsible digital citizens.

Design Technology

This term, children will investigate how different bridge designs provide strength and stability before designing, making and evaluating their own bridge.

Music

This term, Year 5 will explore the theme of **Rock Anthems** through *Livin' on a Prayer*. Children will develop their singing and glockenspiel skills.

PSHE

This term, Year 5 will take part in a range of activities that promote personal development and wellbeing. Children will explore British Values, online safety, Black History Month and Show Racism the Red Card, helping them to develop respect, empathy, and resilience.

PE

This term, Year 5 will develop their swimming skills, building confidence and improving their technique in the water. Children will work towards becoming stronger, safer swimmers while developing their stamina.

French

Year 5 will be learning about emotions and different body parts in French.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been lovely welcoming the children into Year 5 and they have already made a fantastic start to the new school year. I am really looking forward to all of the exciting learning and experiences we have planned this year and to working together to ensure every child has a happy and successful year.

Key Information

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a **Friday** and should be returned by **Wednesday** in your child's homework book.

Children should bring their **reading record and reading book** into school every day.

Each half term, children will receive a **Homework Grid** containing six different activities. They should complete **one activity each week** in their homework book.

Book Bags

Please ensure your child brings their **book bag** to school every day so they can carry their reading book, reading record, homework and any letters. We kindly ask that children do not bring backpacks as cloakroom space is limited.

Water Bottles

Please send your child to school each day with a **named water bottle**.

PE and Swimming

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

- **Tuesday** - Swimming
- **Friday** - PE

Please ensure your child has the correct school PE kit: a blue T-shirt, blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms, and trainers. Jewellery should not be worn on PE days.

If you would like to discuss anything during the year, I am always happy to speak with you after school. Alternatively, please contact Mrs Johnson in the school office to arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to a fantastic first term with the Year 5 children!

Miss Murray 😊