St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Half-termly Curriculum Newsletter



Year 5/6 Term Autumn 2, 2025

•	School Target	Showing kindness to each other and to ourselves.
	Homework	Homework will be set on a Friday and expectation is that it is completed by the following Wednesday. Reading - 20 minutes daily and journalled into their reading diaries with a range of activities. Children will be expected to complete their AR quizzes in school as well as engaging in Book Talk sessions. They will read towards class leader boards and class word counts. Spellings - 10 words a week from the Y5/6 spelling list (differentiated as appropriate). Maths - Timestables via Timestables.co.uk (for the class leaderboard and general practice) and Times tables Rockstars and tasks on mathsflex and Atom on each week's learning. Y6s will be also assigned extra homework from their special booklets
	Reading for Pleasure	This half term we will be reading: MICHAEL MORPURGO BEONULF MICHAEL MORPURGO BEONULF MORPURGO BEONU
	Reading Comprehension / Guided Reading	We will be reading a range of engaging extracts on current themes each week. We will delve into the key vocabulary, answer retrieval questions and infer more information to explore the text more fully as well as using drama, discussion and creative activities to understand the text.
ABC	Spelling	We are following the Pathways to Spelling scheme. Children will be practising different spellings that are useful for the relevant learning as well as their statutory spellings. A list of these will be in the back of each child's Reading Journal and/or on Class Dojo.
	Writing	This term we will reading and writing a further adventure for Beowulf. Children will be inventing their own monster and incorporating the motives and viewpoint of the monster in their own extension of the legend. We will be focussing on different skills: Using expanded noun phrases Describing settings, characters and atmosphere Integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action Use brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis

2+3=5	Maths	Please see the learning we will be visiting this half term below and support with homework if you can. Y5 objectives: Unit 4. Multiplication and division (1) Unit 5 Fractions 1 Unit 6 Fractions 2 Y6 objectives: Unit 3. Four operations (2) Unit 4. Fractions (1) Unit 5. Fractions (2) Unit 6. Measure - Imperial and Metric measures Unit 7. Ratio and Proportion
		Mock SATs papers will be visited with the Y6s for them to get familiar with the test materials.
	RE	We will be focussing on Branch 2 Prayer and Liturgy from the RED scheme. This looks in depth at The Old Testament lives of Samuel and King David and the Antiphones.
	Science	As scientists, we will be studying Materials and their Properties. More specifically we will be looking at the transparency, conductivity and hardness of materials, as well as reversible and irreversible changes.
	Humanities (History & Geography)	This half term, we will be Historians. We will be looking at the impact of the Vikings on British history and culture and their wider influence on the world. We will also be having an expert in teaching them about Viking ways of life.
	Art &DT	This half-term we will be focusing on DT and more specifically we will practise our blanket stitch to produce stuffed toys.
	PSHE	We will be learning about healthy lifestyles and how restrictions promote personal safety.

	PE	Basketball and Dance Berry - Wednesday /Thursday Compton - Wednesday/Thursday Plympton - Wednesday/Friday
	MFL (Spanish)	In Spanish, we will be learning about My Home and different words to identify objects.
	Computing	We will be identifying some of the types of data that the Mars Rover collects and explaining how the Mars Rover is transmitting the data back to Earth.
@	Teacher contact:	You can contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo. Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30 am - 3.15 pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office admin@stncs.uk during the school day. There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to emails or messages received after 6 pm or at the weekend.