Year 5 Curriculum Web
Spring
2025-2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you find this newsletter helpful in supporting your child in learning at home and at school.

Herons: Miss Smaller

English

Our theme follows The World's a Stage

Genres will include:

Poetry – The City of London & A City for the Few

- Performing Poetry
- Writing free verse place poetry
- Writing perspective shifted poetry

Non Fiction Texts – Percy Jackson and the Lightening Thief and Where the Forest Meets the Sea

- Students will write a recount diary entry, a non-chronological report about Ancient Greece and a balanced argument.

Skills

- Organise ideas clearly: use paragraphs, headings, and a logical order
- Use the right style and vocabulary: adapt tone for diary, report, or argument
- Explain and develop ideas: use details, examples, and reasons to support your writing.

Art & DT

Spring 1: Structures Design a Playground

Intended Skills:

- Design a playground that meets user needs
- Choose and use materials and tools safely to build structures
- Test, improve and strengthen their designs
- Explain how their playground meets the design criteria

Spring 2: Art

Painting and Mixed Media – Artist Study

Intended skills

- Explore the work of a chosen artist and their techniques
- Experiment with painting and mixed media to develop their own style
- Plan and create original artworks inspired by the artist
- Reflect on and improve their work using feedback

RE

Spring 1: Galilee to Jerusalem

Intended Skills:

Understand: Pupils learn about Jesus' ministry in Galilee, his teaching through parables and miracles, and how these reveal God's love, forgiveness, and the coming of God's Kingdom.

Discern: Pupils explore why Jesus travelled to Jerusalem, the meaning of his death and resurrection, and how these events show Christians that Jesus brings salvation and new life.

Reflect: Pupils consider how Jesus' example encourages believers to make loving, just, and compassionate choices in their own lives today.

Spring 2: Prophecy and Promise

Intended Skills:

Understand: Pupils explore the events of Lent, Holy Week and Easter through St John's Gospel, from Jesus' temptation in the desert to his Resurrection in the garden, learning about sacrifice, love and redemption.

Discern: Pupils examine key symbols and beliefs, including the Last Supper, Jesus as the Paschal Lamb, the Crucifixion, and the meaning of blood and water as signs of new life and the birth of the Church.

Reflect: Pupils reflect on discipleship through Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting and almsgiving, considering how Jesus' life, death and Resurrection inspire hope, service and love for others today.

Spanish

Learning focus: Greetings and introducing yourself

Intended Skills:

- Understand and use basic greetings and farewells in Spanish
- Ask and answer simple questions about name, age, and how you are
- Pronounce greetings, questions, and responses clearly and accurately.
- Use polite expressions appropriately
- Recognise formal and informal language and apply it in context.

Maths

Multiplication and Division

- Build on their learning of multiplying by a 1-digit number and begin to multiply by a 2-digit number.
- Multiplying a 2-digit number by a 2-digit number using the formal written method
- Practice both the formal written method for multiplication and the use of efficient mental strategies to solve problems.
- Introduction of formal short division, and moving on to dividing a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number.
- look at division with remainders informally and formally.

Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

- Multiplying unit fractions by an integer
- build on their learning from the first two steps to multiply mixed numbers by integers
- calculate a fraction of a quantity, building on understanding from previous years
- Equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages
- Ordering fractions, decimals and percentages

Perimeter and area

- Calculate the perimeter of 2D shapes, including irregular shapes.
- Calculate the area of rectangles, triangles, parallelograms, and composite shapes.
- Calculate the area of compound shapes
- Estimate area of shapes

Statistics

- Draw and interpret line graphs
- Draw and read tables, and interpret the data
- Understands two-way tables
- Read and interpret timetables.

Catholic Social Teaching

Spring 1 – Solidarity and Peace

Spring 2 – Community and Participation

Music

Learning focus:

Your child will continue to develop their understanding of melodic and rhythmic phrasing in music lessons and singing worship.

Science

Learning focus: Properties of Materials
Intended skills:

- Test materials – magnetism, transparency and hardness
- Test materials – electrical conductivity
- Plan an experiment using insulation and heating
- Carry out experiment on insulation and heating, to ascertain material properties
- Use scientific enquiry skills to plan investigations, make observations and draw conclusions

Learning focus: Animals Including Humans
Intended Skills:

- learn how humans grow and develop - looking at the six stages of the human life cycle.
- Explore babies and toddlers, then adolescence and puberty in more detail
- explore the key changes that happen to humans in adulthood and late adulthood.
- Understand that humans are classed as mammals because they are warm-blooded, give birth to live young and feed their offspring on

Computing

Spring 1 Learning focus: Search Engines
Intended Skills:

Pupils will develop the skills to use search engines safely, choose relevant keywords, evaluate results, and decide which information is reliable.

Spring 2 Learning focus: Big Data Handling
Intended Skills:

Pupils will develop the skills to organise, interpret and analyse large sets of data, spotting patterns and drawing conclusions to answer questions.

Homework – sent on Google Classroom

Spelling – Sent home on Monday, due back Friday

Math – Sent home Wednesday, due back Friday

English/RE/Topic/Science – Sent home Friday, due back Monday

Reading – children must be reading 20 minutes each night and completing their reading record for you to sign. This is to be shown at school every day.

Important Dates

Class Assembly – Friday 6th February

Paddington Children's Library – Wednesday 18th March

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PE

Learning Focus: Football
Intended Skills:

- Develop control and confidence when dribbling, passing and receiving the ball in different situations
- Use a range of attacking and defending skills and make simple decisions in game play
- Improve accuracy and power when shooting and scoring
- Understand and apply rules, positions and tactics in small-sided games
- Work with others, communicate clearly and show teamwork and fair play during matches

Learning Focus: Swimming
Intended Skills:

- Develop confidence and control in the water by swimming competently, proficiently and safely.

Improve water safety awareness by practicing effective breathing, floating and basic skills.

History/Geography

Spring 1 – History

Topic: What is the legacy of the Ancient Greek civilisation?
Intended skills:

- Learn where Ancient Greece fits within world history
- Explore what life was like in Ancient Greece, including democracy, daily life, beliefs and warfare
- Compare different city-states such as Athens and Sparta
- Use historical sources to ask questions and find out about the past
- Understand how Ancient Greece has influenced life today, including government, sport and culture

Spring 2 – Geography
Topic: Why do oceans matter?
Intended skills:

- Learn why oceans are important for life on Earth
- Explore how oceans affect climate, weather and food chains
- Find out how people use and depend on oceans around the world
- Understand the impact of pollution and climate change on oceans
- Consider how individuals and communities can help protect oceans

RHE

Module: Created and Loved by God

- Explore what it means to be created and loved by God.
- Understand the importance of valuing themselves in relationships.
- Learn about religious understanding, body and health, emotional wellbeing, and life cycles.

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