



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER: YEAR 5

A message from Miss Barker and Mrs Hawkins

Welcome back to school Year 5! We hope that you all had a wonderful and restful Easter break! We have loved hearing all about what the children have been up to over Easter during this first week! We can't believe it is already the Summer term, but we are both excited for all this term will bring!

We have had a brilliant first week and launch day and have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to come and see either of us, or message on Dojo, if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything.

Religious Education

Saint Thomas More Feast Day

This term, we will be celebrating our school saint's feast day on the 22nd June.

Branch 5

To the Ends of the Earth

In this branch, pupils will study the Sacrament of Confirmation, understanding its links with scripture from the words of the prophets through to the Acts. The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation of the Church. It recalls the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples at Pentecost. The word 'confirmation' comes from the Latin 'firmare', meaning to strengthen.

Branch 6

Information to follow.



Geography/History

Geography: We will be exploring human and physical features of Europe, including ocean currents and rivers.

History: Our main topic this term is Ancient Greece. We will be immersed in this topic from launch day, exploring life in Ancient Greece, looking at key figures, learning about the Olympic games, Athens and Sparta, and many other aspects of Ancient Greece.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at Living Things and their Habitat, and then Earth and Space.

We will look at the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird, amongst other things! In Earth and Space, we will explore the planets in our solar system in relation to the sun, and investigate the concept of day and night, amongst many other things too!

Art/DT

In art, we will be looking at sculpting, focussing on metal sculpting, inspired by Greek theatre masks. We will also move on to look at clay sculpting towards the end of the unit.

In DT, we will focus on our sewing unit, continuing to plan to a design specification and create an item to a brief.

English

- Creative writing
- Mystery stories
- Instructions
- Persuasive writing
- Free verse poetry

Mathematics

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| Perimeter and Area | Decimals |
| Statistics | Negative numbers |
| Shape | Converting units |
| Position and Direction | Volume |

Homework

- Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week. A signature is required in the Reading Record book by an adult, as well as a comment by the child to show comprehension of their reading.
- Times tables and related division facts are to be practised at home and will be tested regularly.
- CGP books (if relevant) will be given out and pages will be given weekly for practice linking to learning in class.

Diary dates and other useful information...

- Class Space Centre trip – 22nd May
- Polling Day (school closed to pupils) – Thursday
- Wednesday afternoons will continue to be taught by Mrs. Hawkins
- PE will be on a Thursday