

# SPRING NEWS



St Teresa's  
Catholic Primary School

## Events:

- New Year Mass—Tuesday 21st January 9.30
- Maths workshop—Tuesday 21st January 2.30pm
- Year 6 Parents SAT's meeting Tuesday 21st January, 3.30pm
- Cake sale—Thursday 30th January
- Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 11th February
- Women in Science Day—Wednesday 7th February (official day 11th February)
- School closes for half term (Trust Inset)-Friday 9th February
- School reopens—Monday 24th February
- Parents Evening—Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March
- British Science Week—Monday 10th-Friday 14th March
- Lent Mass and Retreat Day—Friday 21st March
- Choral Speaking performance—Monday 31st March, 9.15am
- School Closes—Friday 4th March



## DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

### WELCOME BACK

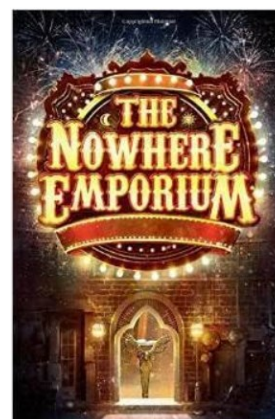
We hope you had an restful Christmas break with your families. The half-term ahead will be very busy, with lots happening.

### R.E

The first RE topic of the Spring term is 'Sources' where we will learn about and show an understanding of how the Bible shapes our lives and how we make links between our beliefs, feelings and experiences. Our second topic is Unity, where we will focus on how Jesus Christ brings us together in unity. In all our RE topics, we will look at how Jesus' teachings provide an example of how we should live our lives.

### Literacy

Our literacy will be based upon the text 'The Nowhere Emporium'; the texts gives the children



**The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie**

a brilliant platform to develop their imagination as well as learn how to use speech to move a narrative on. The children have a book each and will be given chapters weekly to read and re-read in preparation for lessons.

We also use the text extensively for guided reading, in which we focus on: retrieval, inference, word meaning and summary questions. It is a brilliant book and the children will thoroughly enjoy it and will enjoy getting to know the characters.

## HOW DOES MY FAITH INFLUENCE MY ACTIONS?

### Maths

At the start of this term, we will be covering ratio. We will then cover Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and algebra. The children will continue to be set weekly Mathletics challenges

as part of their homework, as well as the Maths targeted questions in the revision books. These activities help support the learning taking place in class. The children also have access to Rock Star Times tables, this is to help with the fluency and speed of their times tables.

## Homework

It is expected that children in Year Six should read every night for approximately 20 minutes (including reading aloud), and will be asking you to record their reading in the school organiser on a daily basis (including independent reading).

Spellings and times tables will be tested on a Friday.

Some aspects of the homework will be online. This consists of Mathletics, SPAG.com and Times tables Rock Stars.

Homework will continue to be set on a weekly timetable. The homework set, directly supports the work we are doing in school.



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## Science

In Science, we learning about the circulatory system and how the heart works. The children will be taking part in practical activities to look at the impacts of exercise on heart rate and make links with how exercise, diet and lifestyle can affect the health of our heart. This will include sessions on Healthy Eating and will include the chance to create their own healthy cereal bar.

## History

This term we will be learning about The Maya and the influence they have had on our lives. We will learn first hand from the only Maya archaeologist in Britain, Dr Diana Davies, when she comes into school.

## RSHE

This term we will be focusing on emotional well-being and to helping the children learn about pressures that they may experience from themselves, others and the media. Children will develop ideas on how to build resilience through thankfulness, use techniques to manage their thoughts, feelings and actions.

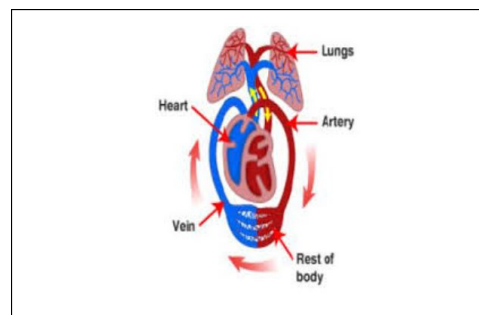
## PE

PE will be taking place every Monday afternoon; gymnastics is our first area of focus. It is essential that the children come to school in their PE kit. A list of the PE kit can be found in your child's school organiser. PE is part of the National Curriculum and so it is important that every child takes part. If a child does not have their kit, the school office will call parents to arrange a PE kit to be dropped off in school.

## Year 6 Team

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a very successful Spring term.

Mrs Lambert and Miss Macdonald.



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