

SPRING NEWS



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School

Events:

- Young Voices trip— Tuesday 13th January
- Maths workshop for Parents— Monday 19th January 2.30
- Year 5 liturgical prayer parent workshop—Wednesday 28th January 2.30
- Whole school cake sale—Thursday 29th February
- Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 10th February
- Women in Science Day— Wednesday 11th February
- School closes for half term— Thursday 12th February
- School reopens—Monday 23rd-February
- Parents Evening—Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March
- Lent Mass and Retreat Day— Thursday 5th March
- British Science Week—Monday 9th-Friday 13th March
- Choral Speaking performance— Thursday 28th March
- Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation —week beginning Monday 23rd March
- Class and group photos- Monday 23rd March
- Year 5 Easter play. 9.15am- Thursday 26th March
- School Closes- Friday 27th March

Reading

A huge well done to all of the children who read 7 times a week before Christmas! Keep up the excellent work. Remember to log into myON regularly for more reading practice!



DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

WELCOME BACK

We hope you had an enjoyable break with your families and are looking forward to a very busy term.

R.E

The first RE topic of the Spring term is 'Mission', where we will learn about how other people can inspire us to do things for others, just like Jesus did. We will think about and discuss what our missions are and how we can help other people.

Our other topics are Memorial Sacrifice and Sacrifice. In these topics will help the children build up to Lent and the Easter story.

RSHE

Module Two, Created to Love Others explores individual relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for



love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe both online and in our daily lives.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will continue to study the book 'Viking Boy' which retells the adventures of Gunnar in his quest to get vengeance for his Father's death. This links to our history topics for the next term—the Vikings. Within Literacy, we will be writing from a the main character's point of view through a diary entry, a flashback retelling main events and a non chronological report which discusses Viking culture. In grammar, we will continue to focus on paragraphs, relative clauses and commas.

'IS THEIR ANYONE OUT THERE?'

Maths

At the start of this term, we will be using the formal column method for multiplication and division. We will also revisit our work on fractions-multiplying fractions, converting mixed

number and improper fractions, and finding equivalents. Any extra practice on Timestables Rockstar will support your maths and times table knowledge! Maths homework will continue weekly.

Homework

Homework is given out every Friday and should be handed in the next Wednesday. It is expected that children in Year Five should read every night and should be reading at least 20 pages to keep up with the Year 5 expectations (including reading aloud). Children should be reading their special book from school each night to ensure they are working through the reading programme and developing fluency and comprehension in line with Year 5 expectations. You should continue to record reading with your child in their organiser, with the page numbers they have read as this really helps us to continue reading in school.

Spellings are given on homework sheets and are stuck into organisers. These will be tested each Friday.



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Topic

This term, we are studying British **history** from the end of Roman occupation to 1066. Before Christmas, we focused on the Anglo-Saxons and the impact they had on British history. This term, we are going to study the Vikings and how Britain changed under their rule. We will also discuss the role of the Vikings, as enemies of the Anglo-Saxons, but also leaders in their own rights. Were the Vikings really vicious?

Science

Our Science focus is Space. We will be learning about the movement of Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in our Solar System. The children will use the idea of Earth's rotation to explain day and night, and have the opportunity to find out about how ideas have changed over time.

We will continue to have a focus on working scientifically, with the children focusing on the use of scientific vocabulary, planning and carrying out experiments and investigations and presenting their findings.

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

Computing

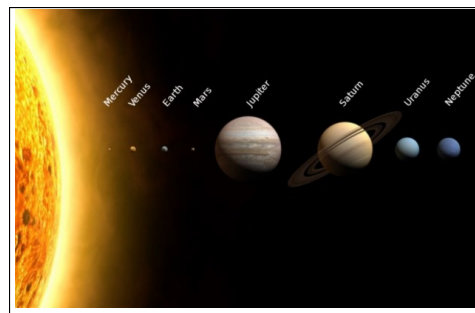
In Computing the children will be completing a graphical drawing course, where they build up to designing and creating a complex vector image.

PE

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday. This half term we will focus on cricket. Pupils need to come to school in their PE kit. Information regarding the school PE kit can be found in your child's organiser.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Mr Swaby and Mr Dickie



Our Solar System

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