

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

“Created by God to love and learn”



Terms 5 and 6

Birch Class – Miss Randall

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break with your family and friends. The children have all settled back into school really well and are ready for the busy terms ahead. Hopefully we'll see some sunshine soon, too! Your children may now wish to wear the school's summer uniform but whilst the weather is still changeable, please continue to send your child to school with a coat.

Reading

All children have a reading book to take home and bring back to school every day. It is important that your child reads at home for at least ten minutes every day and a few times a week out loud to an adult. Reading with your children will help them with their fluency and expression as well as aiding their understanding of new vocabulary. It is also important to question and discuss the book with your child to support understanding. As you listen to your child read, please record any comments in their reading record as well as any comments that they have about the book. Once they have finished reading the book, please encourage your child to change it when they walk into school. If children read four times a week your child will receive a house point and class prizes.

English

This term, we have a fiction focus. We will be reading a book called 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by the brilliant author, Phillip Pullman. We have already started reading this and the children are enjoying it. As the term develops, we will be recapping the correct use of 'parenthesis' in sentences, 'fronted adverbials' 'determiners' and 'modal verbs'. We will also continue our work on using accurate tenses and sentence structure. Our spelling focus is 'homophones' and 'adverbs of frequency and possibility'. We will also continue to recap on words from the statutory spelling list for years 5/6 with constant practise in class. Next term, our class book will be 'IceTrap' which tells the true story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition to the South Pole. Our writing this term will focus on diaries, character descriptions, non-chronological reports and story writing.

Mathematics

This term, the children will be covering many maths topics as well as revising some already learnt. We are starting with position and direction – revising coordinates and learning how to translate shapes. We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, including all properties, symmetry and rotation. Our other focus areas are: negative numbers, calculating volume, decimals and converting measurements.

Children will also be tested on their times tables, so please continue to encourage your child to practice their knowledge on TT Rockstars.

DT – Architecture and Stuffed Toys

This term, we are going to be studying architecture in art. In term 6, we will be learning how to sew with our topic making a stuffed toy. Children will learn to join two pieces using blanket stitch.

Science

In science, we are starting our topic of Properties Changes of Materials. There will be a focus on thermal insulators, dissolving, separating materials and reversible and irreversible changes. We're hoping to do lots of scientific enquiry investigations. In term 6, we will be investigating 'Living things and their habitats'.

History and Geography

In our topic work for history, we will be learning about life in Ancient Greece – including how people lived, home life, food, trade and democracy.

In Term 6, our geography focus is European mapping.

Spellings

Children will continue to receive spellings every week to learn at home and in school. Please support your child by helping them to learn their spellings and encourage them to use the words given to them as often as possible. This could be when they are speaking or when they are writing and even when they are outside, using the words to describe, tell or explain what they see. Pupils will be given spellings every Friday and tested on them the following Friday. This will involve some focus words and words from their word list. They will also bring home a 'statutory spelling list' showing specific words they need to know by the end of Y5/6.

RE

In term 5, we will be starting our Easter and Pentecost units. The Easter unit will help the children to understand what the Triduum is, the symbols of the Easter Vigil, and understand the different parts of the Easter Vigil.

The Pentecost unit will help children to understand 'The theory of God'. In term 6, we will be beginning Sacraments. This will help the children to understand marriage and priesthood.

PE

All children are expected to join in with PE as it helps to develop their fine and gross motor skills as well as improving their mental and physical health. In terms five and six, PE days are every Thursday and every Tuesday. It is expected that children wear the correct kit for every lesson, which includes: yellow PE t-shirts, black shorts and trainers or daps. If they need a jumper then this too must be a PE school hoodie.

Tuesday lessons will be outside with Mr Croucher, focusing on athletics events, preparing for sports day. Thursday sessions are inside with myself. This term we will be focusing on gymnastics.

Latin and Music

In Term 6 we will be focusing on animal verbs within our Latin lessons this term. This will include recapping their previous vocabulary from years previously.

In music, we will be looking at how music shapes our way of life.