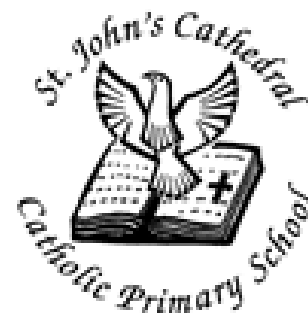


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Dear Parents,

Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

I hope you find the following information of use in knowing what your child will be covering this term and helping to support them.

The main difference your child will encounter this year is that they will take more responsibility for their own work and behaviour.

In **literacy** and **numeracy** similar areas of learning are covered each year but naturally with greater depth and at a more difficult level.

In **literacy** we will be looking at narrative structure - fiction; instructions - non-fiction.

In **numeracy** we will be focusing on securing number facts, efficient methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, data handling and solving problems.

In Science they will be developing the key skills of explaining generalisations while finding out about keeping healthy and life cycles.

ICT is used to support many subject areas. We will particularly be concentrating on developing analytical and data searching skills.

In P.E. we will be having two lessons a week. One will be basketball on Mondays; the second will be gym on Thursdays. Correct P.E. Kit **must** be worn.

In History we will be finding out about Victorian Britain and in particular using the skill of interpreting information.

In Art we will be concentrating on developing our drawing skills resulting in a still life composition.

In DT we will be designing and making musical instruments and looking in particular at how well we can adapt and modify designs.



R.E. is a very important part of our curriculum. We develop further our knowledge and understanding.

This is achieved through our study of:

The Mission Statement
Prayer and Feasts
Creation
St. John's Gospel
Advent/Christmas

I hope you will be able to attend our Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday 8th October at 9.30 a.m.

Our Family Learning session is at 9 a.m. on Friday 13th November.

Homework is a very important part of helping your child to achieve their potential. Homework is not optional. We hope you will support your child in ensuring that it is completed and returned to school on time.

Homework Timetable

Monday	Written x 2 Reading Spelling Tables	Return by Friday Test on Friday Test on Friday
Tuesday	Reading Spelling Tables	Test on Friday Test on Friday
Wednesday	Reading Spelling Tables	Reading Diaries checked Test on Friday Test on Friday
Thursday	Reading Spelling Tables	Test on Friday Test on Friday
Friday	Reading Spelling Tables	Reading Diaries checked Test on Friday Test on Friday

I look forward to working with you and your children during the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

J. Carter
Year 5 Teacher