ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Zion Class (Year 5 & 6)





Spring II Term 2026 Newsletter



Curriculum Overview

Monday 23rd February – Thursday 26th March

Our Spring II focus is 'Being Kindhearted sand Fair'



Maths

During Spring in mathematics, your child will be taught how to use;

Area, Perimeter and Volume

- Finding the area of rectangles, triangles and compound shapes
- Calculating the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes
- Finding the volume of cubes and cuboids

Space, Shape and Measure

- Naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes
- Understanding angles (acute, obtuse, reflex and right angles)
- Drawing and measuring angles accurately
- Identifying nets of 3D shapes

Graphs and Charts

- Reading and interpreting line graphs
- Drawing line graphs using given data
- Solving problems using information from charts and tables

Converting Measures

- Converting between units of length (mm, cm, m, km)
- Converting between units of mass (g, kg)
- Converting between units of capacity (ml, l)
- Solving real-life problems involving measurement

English

In English this half term, we will be:

- Develop our writing content, ensuring our ideas are clear, detailed and well organised

- Use interesting and ambitious vocabulary to make our writing engaging
- Accurately use colons and semi-colons in our sentences
- Apply our grammar knowledge confidently within our writing
- Become more independent writers, taking ownership of our work
- Edit and improve our writing, checking for spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Reflect on feedback and make thoughtful improvements to strengthen our work

Science

This half term we will be learning about:

- How light travels in straight lines
- How we see objects (light travelling from a light source to our eyes)
- How shadows are formed and how their size changes
- Investigating how light can be reflected using mirrors
- Understanding refraction and how light bends in water
- Carrying out practical investigations to test our ideas
- Using scientific vocabulary to explain our findings clearly



Geography

What is life like in the Alps?

This half term we will be learning about:

- Locating the Alps on a map of Europe
- Identifying the countries the Alps run through
- Understanding the physical features of a mountain region (mountains, valleys, glaciers)
- Exploring the climate of the Alps and how it changes with height
- Learning about settlements and tourism in the region
- Comparing life in the Alps to life in the United Kingdom
- Understanding how people adapt to living in a mountainous environment
- Using maps, atlases and digital mapping to develop our geographical skills



Religious Education:

What does it really mean to repent and believe in everyday life? (Garden to Desert)



- The journey from the Garden of Eden to the desert and what it teaches us about faith
- Understanding the meaning of sin and the choices people make
- Learning what it means to repent and ask for forgiveness
- Exploring God's mercy, love and forgiveness
- Reflecting on what Heaven is and what Christians believe about eternal life
- Understanding how Scripture guides Christians in their daily lives
- Discussing how we can make good choices and grow in our own faith journey
- Sharing our thoughts through discussion, reflection and written work

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Premier League Reading Stars

We are excited to be taking part in the Premier League Reading Stars programme, delivered by Fleetwood Town F.C. and supported by the Premier League. This fantastic initiative is helping to build our pupils' reading confidence through engaging, sport-themed sessions. Throughout the programme, children are developing key reading skills such as skimming to find the main idea and scanning to locate specific information quickly. We are also exploring how strong reading skills link to everyday life — from understanding instructions and completing forms to building confidence in communication. It has been wonderful to see the children motivated, enthusiastic and growing in confidence with their reading already but we hope this will help them further.

Rugby Reading Challenge

Over the next five weeks, some children will take part in an extra reading challenge. This will be through Fylde Rugby. The aim of these sessions are to encourage reading further and present it in a different way. Then, all of the children will take part in rugby sessions. This is always such a popular extra for the children and we are looking forward to continuing this over the Spring term.

PE

During PE this half term, we will cover:

- The rules and positions in netball
- How to use accurate chest, bounce and shoulder passes
- Developing footwork skills, including pivoting correctly
- Improving shooting technique and accuracy
- Using effective attacking and defending strategies
- Understanding the importance of teamwork and communication
- Applying tactics during competitive game play
- Showing good sportsmanship and fair play



Important Information:

PE: We will have two sessions a week, one of those sessions will be our rugby session on a Wednesday which will link to our Rugby Reading Challenge. Our other session will be on a Monday/Tuesday. **Children need to remove their earrings independently and during our gymnastics and dance sessions, the children will be bare foot.**

Class Dojo: Please ensure you are all signed into class dojo; this will continue to be used as a form of contact between us throughout the year.

SATs preparation:

In the lead up to SATs, we will be:

- Revising key skills in Reading, SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Maths
- Practising with past SATs-style questions and papers to build confidence
- Focusing on exam techniques, including managing time and reading questions carefully
- Running booster sessions twice a week to support and strengthen understanding

- Setting regular homework to reinforce learning from class
- Identifying and revising individual areas for improvement

How you can help at home:

- Ensure homework is completed and returned on time
- Encourage daily reading and times tables practice
- Make sure your child is in school every day, on time and ready to learn
- Support your child in staying positive, focused and confident

Together, we can help the children feel fully prepared and proud of their efforts.

Key Dates:

Wednesday 25th February – Zion Class Mass, 10am at Church. All welcome to join if you wish.

Tuesday 3rd March – Lent Liturgy and workshop in Zion Class. 2pm.

Thursday 5th March – SATs meeting 3.30pm in Zion class for all year 6 parents to attend.

Friday 6th March – World Book Day Parage…Little People Big Dreams…10am parade in the school hall if you wish to celebrate with us.

Wednesday 18th March – School Photos

Thursday 26th March – Finish for Easter

Reminders

Homework will continue to be set on a weekly basis and will follow the same format. Children have also been issued with their revision guides to support extra revision.

Monday – Spellings & Reading

Tuesday – Writing & Reading

Wednesday – Reading Comprehension

Thursday – Grammar, TTRS.

Friday – Maths & Reading

End of the Year Trips:

A letter was sent out before the half term about our summer term plans. The children have requested fun trips in the summer term to finish the year off and celebrate all of their hard work before moving on to their next adventures at high school. We will add the trips onto the app as separate payments so you can pick and choose which trips they would like to attend…they are welcome to attend all trips if you wish for them to. If trips are not paid for, we will presume that you do not give your permission for them to attend the trip. We are

so excited to make lovely memories together!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss Davids & Mrs Griffin