



Year 5 Summer 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Maths

This term, children will be focusing on two essential mathematical topics: Shape & Position, and Direction. In our shape lessons, children will learn that angles are measured in degrees, allowing them to estimate, compare and draw acute, obtuse, and reflex angles.

Additionally, they will distinguish between regular and irregular polygons based on the equality of their sides and angles, and identify 3-D shapes such as cubes and cuboids from 2-D representations. In our position and direction topic, children will describe the position of shapes following reflections or translations, reinforcing their understanding that shapes do not change in size or form.

Science

This term, children's knowledge builds on their work from the previous term, in which they explored the life cycles of different animals. Children should be familiar with key words such as "offspring" and "foetus". They should be able to recall that the foetus of a mammal grows inside the mother's womb and that other animals, such as birds, fish and amphibians, lay eggs instead of giving birth to live young.

English

This term, our Year 5 pupils will explore two classic narrative poems: The Highwayman, by Alfred Noyse and The Listeners by Walter de la Mare. They will explore the poems through a variety of drama activities to develop their understanding. They will then compose a short story based on the Highwayman.



P.E

In Year 5, pupils are introduced to athletics, focusing on the fundamental skills of running, jumping and throwing.

They will take part in a range of track and field activities while developing coordination, balance and confidence.



R.E

During this term, Year 5 pupils will be finishing the topic of 'Creation and Science' before moving onto 'How can following God bring Freedom and Justice?' This topic will involve looking at the story of Exodus and making connections between Bible texts and Christian beliefs.

Design Technology

During this term, Year 5 are starting Fairtrade Food. This module has cross-curricular links to Humanities, learning about what Fairtrade is and investigating where food is grown. The pupils will be using Fairtrade ingredients to learn about sensory analysis, carrying out taste tests and food preparation for recipes.



Computing

Year 5 are going to be studying word processing. They will use Google Docs to create a digital encyclopedia, using a range of skills, including adding a hyperlinked contents page, a front cover and using text editing techniques.

PSHRE

This half term, Year 5 will look at the topic of "Changing Me" during their life skills lesson. This topic is a required, age approved SRE topic. We will look at body image, the influence of online and media on body image and puberty for girls and boys. Within this topic, we will cover coping with change and preparing for transition to a new school year.

MFL - Spanish

This half term we will begin our food and drink module. We will learn to name a range of foods and drinks in Spanish- getting ready to order our meals for if we go on holiday to Spain! We will then look at giving our opinion on different foods and we will learn how to justify our opinion with a reason!



History

Over the next term, pupils will be exploring the lives of the Ancient Greeks. Pupils will be studying the differences between Athens and Sparta, and the "home of democracy".

They will look at the key features of Ancient Greece and develop skills using sources to determine an answer to "What is the legacy of the Ancient Greeks?"



Geography

This half term sees pupils completing the Protecting Planet Earth topic before starting their final topic of Bizarre Biomes. Pupils will take their wider knowledge of the challenges facing protecting our planet before using this to study more specific biomes from around the world

Art

We continue on our journey into the topic 'Man Made,' which so far we agree should be changed to 'Person Made'! We have been looking at mark making and materials and are going to push ourselves further creating splatter paint brush artworks and printmaking everyday man made objects



Music

This half term, Year 5 will begin their ukulele topic, developing basic techniques of finger picking and strumming, first chords reading different notations including TAB and chord charts, and improvisation, whilst also exploring the relationship between lyrics and playing style. Year 5 will also be preparing for their upcoming trip to the 'Big Sing' where they will join with lots of other schools for a singing workshop led by world renowned singing leaders Ula Weber and Suzzi Vango.



Homework

In Year 5, pupils will be set weekly homework. This will include:




















- A piece of Maths homework
- A piece of English homework
- Spellings

We also expect pupils to read for a minimum of three times per week at home.

Other subjects will set additional homework to aid learning outside of the classroom when needed. This will be added onto epraise.

Extra Curricular Clubs

From sports to creative arts and wellbeing, there's something for everyone. Clubs help pupils build skills, make friends, and enjoy new experiences in a fun, supportive environment. Log in via a parents/carers' epraise account to learn more.

Summer 1 Extra-Curricular Activities					
	<p>At Catshill Middle School, we offer a variety of extra-curricular clubs that inspire and engage pupils beyond the classroom. From sports to creative arts and wellbeing, there's something for everyone. These clubs help pupils build skills, make friends, and enjoy new experiences in a fun and supportive environment. Log in via a parents/carers' epraise account to find out more information!</p>				
Monday	 Street Dance	 Modulo Orchestra			
Tuesday	 KS2 Multi-Sports	 KS3 Board Games Club (lunch)	 Year 5 Football	 Girls Football	 Book Club (lunch)
Wednesday	 CMS Choir (before school)	 Drama Club	 Play On! Cornet Lessons	 Computing Club (lunch)	
Thursday	 KS2 Multi-Sports	 Netball (all years)	 Ukulele Club (lunch)	 Play On! Cornet Lessons	 Year 6 Football
Friday	 Keyboard Club (lunch)	 School Band			

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