



Year 5 Summer 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Maths

This half term in Year 5 maths, we are focusing on the key topics of geometry and measurement. Children will be learning to identify, compare and classify angles, use protractors to measure and draw angles accurately, and explore properties of 2D and 3D shapes, including symmetry and reflection.

In measurement, we will cover converting units (such as kilograms to grams and kilometres to metres), calculating perimeter and area, and working with volume. These topics will be taught through practical activities, problem-solving tasks, and reasoning challenges to help children apply their learning in real-life contexts and build confidence as they prepare for Year 6.

Science

This term, children learn about the process of dissolving and explore the difference between soluble and insoluble substances.

By the end of this step, children should know that a soluble substance can dissolve in a liquid to make a solution.

Two examples of soluble substances are salt and sugar.

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 investigating the question 'What matters most to Humanists and Christians?' The pupils will be exploring the shared importance of being kind and caring, but with varied reasoning behind their 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 continue our food and drink module. We will learn how to justify our opinion with a reason now that we are really confident with our foods! We will also look at traditional Spanish dishes and say which foods and drinks we would like to try!



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					
	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!				
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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