

Parent Overview
Summer 2018



This overview provides you with information about what your child will be learning during the Summer term. In addition, all pupils will continue to learn about the Catholic Virtues and British Values as appropriate throughout the curriculum. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.

English



This term we will be:

- Revisiting common spellings, suffixes and prefixes including more complex spelling rules.
- Practising our cursive handwriting.
- Looking at the features of information texts.
- Writing information texts using titles, subheadings, labels, captions etc.
- Writing character descriptions.
- Retelling well known stories including those with recurring language.
- Writing reports and explanation texts.
- Developing our proof reading skills to correct spellings, punctuation and grammar. This will include evaluating and editing our writing.
- Developing our ability to find answers in a text.
- Using inference (clues in the text) to discuss events and characters when reading.
- Comparing different texts to discuss similarities and differences.

Maths



This term we will be:

- Continuing to practise methods for all operations (add, subtract, times, divide and apply these methods to finding fractions)
- Applying our number and place value skills in problem solving.
- Calculating amounts of money and finding change.
- Applying our money knowledge to solve problems.
- Developing our understanding of time including telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, working out how much time has passed and solving time problems.
- Choosing the appropriate measurements to use when measuring.
- Learning about position and direction including using directional language and turning in quarters, halves, three quarters and whole turns. This will include both clockwise and anti-clockwise.

Religious Education



Our RE lessons will focus on Easter and Pentecost. We will learn about these important events in the liturgical year. We will learn about some symbols that are used at Easter time and about the importance of the Holy Spirit.

Science



Our first science topic is called: 'Feeding and exercising'. We will be learning about the basic needs of living things, where food comes from, why different animals have different diets and how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Computing



This term we will be reminding ourselves about e-safety and how to stay safe whilst using technology.

We will develop our understanding of algorithms by creating, editing and improving

<p>We will also learn about special sacramental celebrations such as Marriage and Baptism. Finally, we will develop our understanding of the Mass and what is taking place.</p>	<p>Our second science topic is called: 'Growing plants'. We will be learning about how plants grow from a seed or bulb including germination, what plants need to grow and how to keep a plant healthy. As part of this topic we will also look at seeds found in different fruits.</p>	<p>algorithms that we create. We will then use these to program electronic devices.</p> <p>The children will think about how technology is used outside of school in the real world.</p>
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<p><u>Topic</u></p> <p>This term our topics are:</p> <p>Summer 1: Wiggle and Crawl- Where do minibeasts live?</p> <p>Summer 2: The Scented Garden- How does your garden grow?</p> <p>In Wiggle and crawl, we will be learning about different minibeasts and the habitats in which they live. As part of the topic, children will look at lifecycles and also how minibeasts camouflage themselves for safety against predators. We will also use our art and DT skills to carefully sketch and create minibeasts, evaluating our work with others.</p> <p>In The Scented Garden, we will be learning about plants, flowers and trees, comparing them to those found in our country and from other parts of the world. The children will also have the opportunity to research different plants and use their findings to create art work or 3D models. As part of our topic, we will also be planting seeds and watching them grow, thinking about how the structure of the plant changes.</p>
<p><u>Other important information</u></p> <p>Children will need their PE kit on a Tuesday and a Friday (please ensure your child is not wearing any earrings on these days).</p>
<p><u>Important dates for the term</u></p> <p>KS1 SATs week - Week beginning 21st May 2018. Please note that the assessments will take place for the whole of that week.</p> <p>Sports day for KS1 - 26th June 2018</p> <p>Parents open evening - 17th July 2018 3.30 - 4.30pm</p>
<p><u>How to help at home</u></p> <p>Reading books will be changed twice a week in year 2. Please aim to read at least one school book a week and write a comment in your child's reading record. In addition to reading books, children will continue to have reading books available on Active learn.</p> <p>Homework will continue to be given to children each week on a Friday. This will be due in on Wednesday of the following week.</p>

In year two it is vital that children begin spelling common words correctly and use phonics and other strategies to support their spelling. In phonics and spelling lessons we will be teaching spelling patterns and spelling rules that we will ask children to apply in their writing. Each child will also be given between 3 and 5 spellings per week to practise each day at school and at home.

In May, children will take part in statutory tests in maths, reading, spelling and grammar. All the work that we do in class and the homework that we set will help to support children with these tests and there is no need to complete additional practice tests at home.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to speak to Miss Emery or Mrs Norris. Thank you for your support.