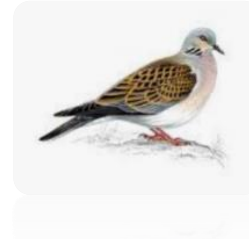




Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another lovely week for Year 5!

The highlights of the week were:

Our DT afternoon on Monday when the children from both classes got a chance to use a pestle and mortar to make a paste from cocoa nibs, water and cinnamon. They also had the opportunity to improve the bitter Maya recipe by adding an ingredient of their own. Most children said they preferred this sweetened version!

Our trip to Horseshoe Lake on Wednesday was a wonderful day which was thoroughly enjoyed by both children, parents and staff. A huge thank you to Mrs Emery, Mrs McNamara –Giddings and Mrs McGrory for supporting us on our trip! You were amazing! I'm sure the children have no doubt mentioned that Mr Peebles had an early bath too!

On Thursday both classes had a Jolf (Junior Golf) workshop on the field which was great fun. Two lucky pupils received a golden golf ball for their effort and expertise!

This Friday at 2.45pm is our presentation to parents on the Smartphone workshop.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gregson and Mrs Maliphant

Important dates:

Friday 13th School disco – 5.15 - 6.15pm

Monday 16th June – School Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate the opening of our new hall – Pope Francis Hall

Friday 20th June Sports Day KS2 in the afternoon

Monday 23rd June – Sports Day reserve if wet 20/6/25

Saturday 5th July - Summer Fayre

Friday 18th July – Last day of term

RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Year 5 Summer term

As a school, we will be teaching from Ten:Ten, a diocese-approved scheme. We recommend you watch the video on the Online Parent Portal to familiarise yourself with the curriculum's aims and methods of teaching. If, after watching the video, you have further questions, contact us via the school office. Please see below the topics we will be teaching and the weeks we will be teaching them, starting from next week.

We encourage you to have your own conversations at home with your children about this topic. The lessons on puberty are statutory as they form part of the science curriculum and all children should attend.

WC 9.6.25	Girls' bodies	Module 1 Unit 2 Session 2
WC 16.6.25	Boys' bodies	Module 1 Unit 2 Session 3
WC 23.6.25	Emotional changes	Module 1 Unit 3 Session 3
WC 30.6.25	Menstruation	Module 1 Unit 4 Session 3
WC 7.7.25	Under pressure	Module 2 Unit 2 Session 1
WC 14.7.25	Reaching Out	Module 3 Unit 2 Session 1

PE

Please ensure your child has the correct PE/Games kit including trainers. All PE and Games lessons will be outside on the field from now on. Remember to send in a hat if you have one

If your child has borrowed any PE kit from school, please can it be returned as soon as possible.

Catholic Social Teaching

As part of our learning, we teach children how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the way they interact and help others. If your child has taken part in any charity work, please let us know so we can share and celebrate this in school. Well done to Isla, Maya, Sophie T, Sophie C and Florence who raised £100 for Doves Class charity Bee-lieve by baking some delicious cakes to sell after school last Friday.



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) – Calling all parents who work in these fields. We would love to hear about your work and experiences and hopefully encourage the children to follow in similar footsteps. Please let us know if you would be happy to pop into school sometime to support the enrichment of the children's learning.

Homework

TTRS

Children are to practise their times tables on TTRS for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week. There are weekly challenges to engage the children. Focus on those times tables your child needs to improve their speed and fluency on and select these in 'Garage'. Play 'Studio' to help St. Polycarp's climb up the local schools' leaderboard! **Two tasks will be set each week on Mathletics.**

Reading

Please see below for the Key Stage 2 reading guidance.

When the children finish reading a book, they need to complete an online quiz at home before changing the book. Please be aware that both username and password are in lowercase.

Please use the link below to access Accelerated Reader.

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Reading in Key Stage 2 Make reading part of your daily routine

Short sessions – **15 minutes per day.**

- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction. Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.

How can parents help?

Reading improves with practice.

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework. Well done to those who already completed over 20 quizzes so far this year.

Spellings are set every Friday with a spelling test the following Friday giving children one week to learn them.

Year 5 Spelling	Mixed spelling
aisle	aisle
isle	isle
aloud	aloud
allowed	allowed
altar	farther
alter	father
ascent	last
assent	past
farther	grass
father	class





YEAR 5 SMARTPHONE WORKSHOP

**DELIVERED BY
DAN NEWMAN
AND YEAR 5
CHILDREN**

Dan is part of the
Mental Health team at
the Xavier Trust



Year 5 are working with Dan to learn
about how use of mobile phones can
impact their mental health

WHEN?



Friday 13th June
2.45pm

WHERE?

St Polycarp's



WHAT?

Come and join us and
the Year 5 children who
will deliver a
presentation about safe
use of smartphones

If you would like
some more
information, Dan
will be available
to answer any
questions you
have after the
presentation.

