



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term 2025-26 Curriculum Newsletter

Year Group: 5

Staff: Mrs Sawdon, Miss Drumm and Mrs White

A warm welcome to Year 5 and the Autumn term. It has been great to work with and get to know the children over these first few weeks; they are a lovely and enthusiastic group of children, and we are looking forward to the year ahead! In these early days, we have been concentrating on establishing routines, building positive relationships and giving time to reflect on being back at school and together as a whole class. The children have also completed some back-to-school assessments, which will help to ensure what is taught is suitable for them. We have also enjoyed an 'Art Week' in school with the children producing incredible work in the style of Visual artist and architect, Friedensreich Hundertwasser.

Welcome back!

English

In our writing lessons across the first term, we will be focusing on a rich variety of different writing styles. Our long writes include - third person stories set in another culture, formal letters of application, dialogue in narrative (stimulus linked to our Ancient Greek topic), a balanced argument and poems that use word play, which will be linked to vocabulary that we will be learning in our French lessons.

We will have a big focus on spelling, punctuation, and grammar, as always.

Reading

Children are expected to bring their reading book and reading record into school every day.

It is important that children are reading every day at home and we ask that all children read aloud regularly to an adult. Even the most fluent readers benefit from the experience of sharing stories and information with others.

Please can parents/carers sign to confirm reading.

Religious Education

Our first topic is all about family. Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. To know ourselves and to appreciate that our value and uniqueness is central to our wellbeing. Key pieces of scripture we will be looking at are: Colossians 3:10-17, Genesis 1:26-28 and Philippians 4:4-9. We will be thinking about the following questions: Who am I? What makes me unique? Where do I come from?

Key religious figures that we will focus on throughout the first topic are Maximilian Kolbe and St. Paul.

History

In our history topic this term we will find out about what life was like in ancient Greece. We will read a rich variety of texts which will inform, entertain, and excite, as we learn about key figures in history and traditional tales from Ancient Greece. The children will be studying Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. Looking in depth into when they ruled and the differences between Athens and Sparta.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to develop and strengthen our mental arithmetic and reasoning skills across all operations. We will focus this term on place value, addition & subtraction, statistics, multiplication & division and measurement. Children should also continue to practise their Times Tables regularly. The ability to recall multiples helps children across a range of mathematical concepts. In addition, overall confidence flourishes. To support this in school, we will practise arithmetic skills daily.

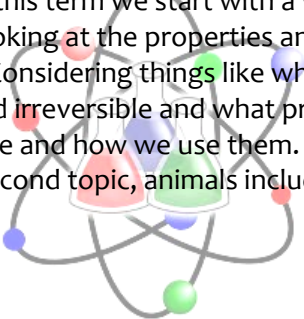
PE

In PE, the children will be improving their health related fitness by understanding the importance of an active lifestyle and exploring ways to keep fit. This will be followed by another lesson per week on dodgeball led by MFC. As the term progresses, we will be developing our dancing and basketball skills. Our PE sessions this term will be on Mondays and Wednesdays.

PE kit should be a plain white T-shirt, black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers/plimsols (tracksuit tops are useful if the weather is cold).

Geography

This term, we will develop key skills in geography as we locate the world's countries, using maps focusing on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Additionally, physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers and mountains.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>Our Music curriculum continues to be supported by Mrs Maxson who focuses on Liturgical Singing. In other areas of Music we will explore musical percussion and structure.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p>In Science this term we start with a very interesting topic, looking at the properties and changes of materials. Considering things like which changes are reversible and irreversible and what properties different materials have and how we use them. We then move on to our second topic, animals including humans.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>In Computing this term, we will be focusing on online safety and will familiarise ourselves with different search engines online.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Art & Design</u></p> <p>During the first week, we have been drawing using work by artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. This term, we will also be looking at painting using a variety of techniques and tools to create patterns and effects.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Design & Technology</u></p> <p>In DT throughout the first term we will be looking at food and nutrition. Learning about some foods and key ingredients from other cultures and how other cultures' food can be nutritious. During this topic we will also be developing our cooking skills by making some healthy foods, following specific recipes.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSHE - Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p>Over the Autumn term Year 5 will be focusing on 3 main topics in our PSHE: Calming the Storm, Gifts and Talents and Body Image.</p>		

Parents' Information Page

Meet the Team



Mrs Sawdon

Miss Drumm

Mrs White

Here to help!

Please contact us at school (by phone) if you have any questions or concerns.

Homework

Homework will be sent home each Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

It will include:

- Spelling home learning task
- A set of maths questions
- A set of SPAG questions

Our homework will concentrate on building confidence and extending ability across key curriculum areas.

Stay in touch-

You will see how the children are doing as we send regular updates through the Marvellous Me App, Arbor and Facebook.



P.E-

This term, PE will be on a **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Children need to come into school on these days wearing their P.E kits.

Reading at Home

Reading is the key to so many aspects of your child's learning. We ask that children try to read for at least 10 minutes every night. We realise that sometimes this may not be possible so please ensure it happens at least four times a week. Also, please bear in mind that one of the most wonderful things is to share a book together with your child before bedtime. All home reading must be recorded and signed in your child's reading record.

Children need to bring their reading book into school each day so they can be read with an adult and changed, it is also expected that there are four signatures in a child's reading book, showing that they are engaging with reading at home.