



Summer 1 2023 – Newsletter Year 5 – St Clare of Assisi



Core text for English	The Malamander – Thomas Taylor
Supplementary texts	Whole Class Reading Text- The Nowhere Emporium - Ross MacKenzie
English focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• letter to a newspaper editor• hotel brochure• predictive chapter• Prediction based on objects – PEA
Grammar focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanded noun phrases• Adjectives• Nouns• Conjunctions• Figurative language• Adverbial phrases• Prepositional phrases• Complex sentences• Main and subordinating clauses• Parenthesis• Passive verbs• Homophones• Relative pronouns• Direct speech• Cohesion• Pathetic fallacy
Maths focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decimals• Fractions• Properties of shape• Converting units
RE focus	<p>Sacrifice- Lent/Easter Why do we need to make sacrifices?</p> <p>Transformation- Pentecost- serving How can energy transform?</p>
Faith in Action	<p>May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all.</p> <p>A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are asked to think about Mary, say special prayers to her, have May altars, and sing hymns to Mary to tell her how much we love her and to ask her to help us stay close to her son Jesus and to try to live as Jesus shows us.</p>

	<p>Click on the link for how to make a may altar for Mary https://www.catholicicing.com/may-altar-for-mary/</p> 
<p>Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE</p>	<p>History – The ancient Islamic civilisation Science – Animals including humans DT- cooking on a budget Music- music from around the world PSHCE/RSE – Health and Wellbeing Physical Education- Tuesday- communication and tactics Thursday - coach MFL – The Romans Computing- creating a virtual space</p>
<p>PE days (and kit expectations)</p>	<p>Your child’s PE day will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt, navy or black bottoms and plimsols/trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life.</p>
<p>Ways to help at home</p>	<p>Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss the text they are reading. As their books become more complex it is even more important they have the chance to discuss them with an adult. Please sign the reading record book and make a comment. Please encourage your child to learn their ‘spelling words,’ a few minutes practice each day can make a big difference.</p> <p>By Summer Year 5 your child is expected to have mastered their times tables but they need regular practice to retain the information. Your child will have their own account and password for ‘Times Tables Rockstars’. It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed to aid them with their daily maths work. If they are not yet confident this is a vital area to work on with them.</p> <p>Encourage your child to write at home, stories and letters or maybe they could keep a diary. Continue to borrow books of interest from the school and public library to find out all they can on this term’s topics. You could also play a range of maths based games, such as Yahtzee or any games that involve using a dice. Discuss the rules and strategies that you use, explaining to your child what you are doing and why.</p>
<p>Key dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 27th April Year 4 Trip - The Golden Hinde • Thursday 27th April Year 4 Multiplication Timetable check - Parent's meeting • Monday 1st May Early May Bank Holiday • Tuesday 2nd May Year 2 Trip to Greenwich Fire Station • Thursday 4th May School Dinner Summer Menu Tasting • Thursday 4th May SEN Parents Coffee Morning • Friday 5th May Kings Coronation Special Menu • Monday 8th May King's Coronation Bank Holiday • Tuesday 9th May Year 6 SATS Week • Thursday 11th May Year 4 - Cycle Confident Training • Monday 15th May Tea & Talk • Monday 22nd May Year 1 Trip - National Maritime Museum • Wednesday 24th May Year 6 Class Assembly

- Friday 26th May Last Day of Term
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June Spring Half Term

**Additional
information**

Home work will be given out on Friday and should be given back to be marked as a class by the following Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

If you have any questions, the school support email address is below

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