

St. John's Catholic Primary School



H.A.S.T. Form (Home and School Together)

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Term: Autumn 2026

Please remember the days for:

Library

We take the children to the Library on **Thursday (pm)**, so please ensure your child brings in their book for changing.

P.E.

Our P.E. sessions are timetabled for **Friday(am)**. Please ensure your child has their P.E kit in school on this day.

Homework Timetable:

Spellings: Weekly spellings will be sent home each Friday and should be returned each Friday for a spelling test.

Reading: Reading bags should be brought into school every day. Children will have the opportunity to change their reading books at least once a week. There is an **expectation that all children read a minimum of three times a week and for reading records to be completed.**

Maths: Maths homework will often be given to the children on Friday and should be returned to school the following Friday. This homework will be related to what your child has been taught the previous week and will consolidate your child's learning.

English: English homework will often be given to the children on Friday and should be returned to school on the following Friday. This homework will support grammar, punctuation and comprehension.

English	<i>Within the Autumn term children will focus heavily upon two key novels; The Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura and The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.</i> Oracy- Story mapping and retelling the story of the Stone Age Boy. The children will be making predictions. Instructions - Children will be taught the importance of using bullet points, numbers and subheadings to help organise and present written instructions. Children will also investigate the language of instruction sentences, recognising how imperative verbs and adverbs are used to instruct and sequence each step in chronological order. A practical aspect of this topic will be included so children can put their new skills to use. Performance Poetry - Children will be reading and listening to a wide range of poetry. We will focus on how each poem sounds when it is performed and discuss performance features such as intonation, pace and volume. Children will work in groups to practice and perform poems, give and receive constructive feedback then use this to improve and perfect their final performance. Short Narrative – Children will explore and have chance to write their own character description and setting description, focusing on the use of descriptive writing features such as; fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and similes. Newspaper Reports – They will be given the opportunity to immerse themselves in a variety of newspaper reports and identify the specific features needed. Children will take the time to draft, write and edit their own reports which centre around our key novel.
Maths	Place Value - Children will learn to read, write and order numbers to at least 1000. Recognise the place value of each digit by partitioning 3-digit numbers into multiples of 100's, 10's and 1's in a variety of ways. Addition and Subtraction - Children will: Add and subtract mentally 100's, 10's and 1's in 3-digit numbers before being introduced to using more formal written methods for adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3- digit numbers. Derive and recall all + and – facts for each number to 20. Derive and recall + and – of multiples of 10 and number pairs that total 100. Multiplication and Division - Mental multiplication and division will focus on times tables and the introduction of more formal written methods for multiplying and dividing 2-digit and 3 digit numbers by 1-digit numbers beyond the twelfth multiple. <i>Basic numeracy skills will be ongoing focusing the children's recall of all number bonds (addition and subtraction) to 10, 20 and 100; and the recitation of the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables.</i>

R.E	This term the children will focus on celebrating the Eucharist. Pupils will explore the story of Creation, humanity, they will discuss how they are made in the image and likeness of God and will also look at how they can take care of the Earth. Also, pupils will learn about what happens at Mass and make links with scripture. Pupils will also encounter different literary forms as they study parables and study the Gospel of St Matthew and learn about the signs of God's kingdom in this gospel.
Science	Animals including humans - Children will be learning to identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition. Children will also learn that humans and animals have different types of skeletons and be able to categorise animals into different skeleton types. We will also discuss the need and use of muscles and skeletons, namely support, protection and movement. Rocks - The children will develop their knowledge of rocks, including naming and recognising their simple physical properties and how these properties influence how they are used. Children will learn the how different rocks have been formed and the creation of fossils found in rocks will also be explored. This topic will also inform our knowledge of Angry Earth in Geography.
Computing	Coding – children will design and write a sequential code to create their own program. They will look at the repeating function, timers and different variables to program their system as well as learning how to debug code when a problem arises. Online Safety – children will understand the importance of passwords, how to communicate safely ensuring personal information is kept safe and will learn about PEGI restrictions and 'spoof' websites. Spreadsheets – Children will use spreadsheets to create bar graphs and pie charts. They will use tools such as more than, less than and equal to, to compare values in the sheet.
P.E.	Invasion games – This term the children will be playing and learning the rules of handball. As well as working as a team, they will be learning how to pass and shoot the ball. Dance - Children will perform and dance to a range of movement patterns.
Design Technology	Food Technology. Children will conduct their own research into what a healthy meal looks like; this will also be informed by our science topic of Animals including humans. Children will design their own healthy lunch and create a shopping list to price up the cost of the meal. Then children will create their lunch, test it and evaluate their design.

Geography	Angry Earth- Children will first explore how the Earth's crust is made of different layers and tectonic plates and how these plates can form volcanoes and earthquakes. We will also explore the advantages and disadvantages of living near a volcano. This topic will continue into Spring. Children will also have the opportunity to reconsolidate previous geographical knowledge linking to oceans, continents and countries.
History	Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age - Children will be introduced to the earliest forms of life during the Stone Age. We will look at the giant elk from the Palaeolithic era and how communities change from the Mesolithic to the Neolithic era. We will focus on the change in housing as well as the development from hunting to farming. We will use artefacts to develop our understanding of life in the past and the changes in materials from stone to bronze to iron. We will conclude the topic by discussing which era the children found the most impressive.
Spanish	Children will continue to be introduced to Spanish as a modern foreign language through lessons delivered by their specialist teacher. Children will begin to listen to and respond to greetings and personal questions and will also explore numbers 0-10, days of the week and colours.
Music	Our focus song this term is 'Let your Spirit Fly', which is in the style of R & B, and we will follow the Stage 1 program for Glockenspiels. We will be using more accurate musical language in our discussion, and recognise key musical styles in our listening and appraising.
Art	Drawing Children will explore how line, tone and texture can be used to create patterns. Children will use their skills of observation to replicate shapes in their drawings focusing on the relationships between line and shape and the use of cross hatching to create texture and tone. We will focus on the works of Picasso and his 'upside down man'.
PSHE	Families and friendships Children will learn about what makes a family and the features of family life. Safe relationships Children learn about personal boundaries, safely responding to others and the impact of hurtful behaviour. Respecting ourselves and others Children will recognise what respectful behaviour is, learn the importance of self-respect, courtesy and being polite.