

Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy - Autumn Term 2026

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Welcome to Year 5/6

I hope that you have had a great summer holiday and you are now excited and ready to return to school as you enter into the new year.

The thought of the upcoming Sats tests in May can feel daunting for the children in Year 6, but we will make sure that everyone is fully prepared to do themselves justice.

Taking your place at the top of the school, this will be a term full of stimulating learning as we head towards the Christmas break!

What are we learning this term?

Home reading

As readers, children should read every night to develop accuracy and fluency. An adult should then sign their reading record book to show this has taken place. We monitor and reward children for their efforts at home. It is important to hear your child read as this will help to build their confidence too.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will study numbers and the number system up to hundreds of millions, including fractions and decimals. We will also be learning efficient strategies for the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Then converting units and reading scales.

English

As writers, we will start the autumn term by reading 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman. The children will then write their own story based on that book's structure. Following on from that, we will be looking at non-fiction styles such as biographical and persuasive writing, and then poetry.

RWV/ RSE

As philosophers, this term in RWV we will be exploring Islam. We will find out about the Qur'an and Hadith and discover how they guide Muslims in how to live their lives. To help us understand Islamic belief we will find out about the five pillars of Islam.

P.E.

We will take part PE will take place on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** this year. Children will be expected to have a full PE kit, which includes a change of shoes. If children are coming into school in their PE kit, they should also wear a black pair of tracksuit trousers or jogging bottoms and a black hoodie or school jumper.

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - World War Two

Geography - Rivers

Science - Electricity and animals and their habitats

Computing - Computing systems

Art - Making memories

D.T. - Steady hand game

R&W - Commitment to religions & The Trinity

RSE- Our Relationships

Music- Writing Music Down

PE- Hockey, Gymnastics, Tag Rugby

Computing

We will explore how data is transferred over the internet. In conclusion, we will learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet.

Science

As scientists, we will be learning about electricity constructing circuits with different components and creating circuit diagrams using recognised symbols. We will then be studying animals and their habitats. We will learn about how living things are classified by scientists and learn about the work of Carl Linnaeus. Microorganisms will also be investigated, including bacteria and viruses and we will discover which are helpful and which are harmful.

History

As historians, we will be learning about World War 2 and how it affected people's lives in the UK. We will learn about the origins of the conflict, and how it developed into the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. The children will consider what it was like on the Home Front and how people lived through that period of time. We will also find out about Winston Churchill.

Geography

As explorers, we will be studying rivers. Looking at the structure of rivers, and then comparing different rivers to each other: the River Stort and the River Thames.

Art/ DT

As artists, we will be exploring how to express ourselves through art and how to represent memories.

Notes ...

In Year 6, the children will be provided with a set of Sats revision books which they are to complete in the period up to Sats week in May.

Children should practise spellings weekly, ready for a spelling test on a **Friday**.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day -filled only with water!

Thank you for your continued support; it is much appreciated!

Mr Newton