

## St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary

Spring 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing with information about what your child will be learning and the skills they will be developing during the Spring Term.

**Reading-** Children will access daily reading sessions that will focus on word reading and comprehension. Some children will continue to access daily Sounds Write phonics lessons to reinforce and teach reading skills. Sounds Write reading books will be changed once a week to allow children to re-read and consolidate new spellings and to increase fluency. Accelerated Reader books will be changed as often as possible after your child has completed the corresponding quiz. Children must bring their signed reading record and book into school so that it can be changed. Children will also have a reading journal that they will bring home weekly to share some of their story book work with you. They can add to this at home using comics or books that they have read with you.

**Spellings-** Children will be given weekly spellings to learn at home and will then have the opportunity to 'show me what you know'.

**Maths** - Children will be given logins for Times Table Rockstars where they can practise their times tables at home. They will be expected to access the 'Garage' part of the app/website as their weekly homework.

**PE** - Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit. Children can come to school wearing their kit which should be plain black trousers/shorts, plain white T-shirt, trainers and a plain black jumper/hoodie or school jumper/cardigan. Our topics this term are ball skills, racket skills, team building and jumping.

Subject	Learning Objectives
<b>Science</b>	<p><b>Animals including humans</b> In this unit children will learn about different animals. They will learn about animals and their offspring and how these animals change as they grow. They will also explore life cycles of different animals including humans, frogs, butterflies and ducks and understand that some animal offspring look like their adult and others do not. Children will also learn about the basic needs of animals for survival and the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene for humans.</p> <p><b>Electricity</b> In this unit children will learn about the different uses of electricity and how it is transported. They will learn about the appliances that run on electricity at home and in school. They will compare a village with electricity and a village without to see how important electricity is. They will also learn about electrical safety and have a go at constructing basic circuits.</p>
<b>Computing</b>	<p>Children will continue to access Purple Mash for their computing lessons and will begin to use Teach Computing to further develop their learning. They will begin to learn that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.</p>
<b>Geography</b>	<p><b>Planet Earth</b> Children will learn what continents are and how many continents there are. They will be able to identify various human and physical features by investigating the Wonders of the world. Children will learn the names the 5 oceans and know if all the oceans are connected. Children will also be given the opportunity to learn all about the countries that make up the United Kingdom.</p>
<b>History</b>	<p><b>The Great Fire of London</b> Children will understand when 1666 came in time. They will make comparisons between London in 1666 and London today. They will be given the opportunity to learn where and when the Great Fire of London started and to order the events of The Great Fire of London. Children will examine sources of evidence to understand why the fire spread. Children will learn how eyewitness accounts and other historical sources of evidence help us understand what might have happened in the past by using the diary of Samuel Pepys.</p>
<b>Art/D&amp;T</b>	<p><b>DT (mechanisms)</b> Children will investigate and explore different wheeled objects before planning, making and evaluating their on small wheeled trolley. They will look at how different wheels work and decide upon the best design for their product.</p> <p><b>Art (sculpture)</b> Children will look at different types of masks from around the world including masquerade masks and Ancient Egyptian masks. They will then design and make their own mask using different sculpture techniques.</p>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will continue to use the 'My Child at School' app to send messages.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Miss Conlon**