



Kirkstall St Stephen's

C of E (VA) Primary School

Summer 1 2026 Year 5

Welcome back!

The Easter holidays have flown by and we hope you enjoyed a lovely break. We have a fantastic half term ahead with a range of interesting topics and events to come, such as our school science trip to Magna and Bikeability training. Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to complete their homework and read regularly at home. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Malley.



English

In **English**, we begin by looking at writing to explain the movements of the Earth, sun and moon. In our love to read sessions, we will be reading some space themed poetry as well as reading a biography all about Katherine Johnson. We will continue to practice skills in summarising and inferring as well as exploring new vocabulary.



Maths

In **Maths**, we will learn about position and direction. Here we will learn how to read coordinates and translate shapes across axis. Later we will look at symmetry before moving on to decimal numbers.



Science

In **Science**, we will focus on space! We will explore the notion of the planets being spherical and look at the evidence to prove this. We will compare relative sizes of planets and the distances between. In addition to this, we will investigate how craters are formed. In week 3 we will enjoy a trip to Magna science museum where we will take part in a Space workshop!



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History

In **History**, we will learn about space exploration over the decades. We will begin by comparing and contrasting explorers over time before moving on to events such as the space race and the International Space Station. Then, we will discuss the impact that individuals such as Katherine Johnson had on the space race and how these achievements were not as widely recognised at the time as they should have been.



PE

In our first **PE** session, we will explore skills and techniques in cricket.

In our second **PE** session we will be continuing to learn skills in volleyball.

Our PE days are a Monday and a Thursday.



Art

In **Art**, we will explore sculpture and look in detail at the works of Yinka Shonibare. We will learn more about the meaning of his works and take inspiration to plan some patterns which can be used in their own outcome. Pupils will design a sculpture using simple card shapes and decorate these using patterns they have created.

Other areas of the curriculum

In **PSHE**, we are learning all about keeping safe. Here we will explore themes such as e-safety, domestic violence and going missing from home.

In **RE**, we will focus on Islam.

In **computing**, we will look at online safety.

In **French**, we will learn about clothing.

In **Music**, we will appraise, learn and perform Motown music.

Homework Diaries

The children should have their homework diary with them every day. Please encourage your child to record their homework and reading to keep a track of their learning.



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