



St. Paul's C.E. Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Overview 2025-2026

Spring 1



English

This half term we will be exploring the text:



We will explore this text to discover different writing styles and genres.

Children will explore how to write effectively for different purposes and use simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader – such as writing a suspense story and a persuasive advert based on the book.

In addition, children will take part in many discussions and chances to speak aloud in class to explore the topic and genres uncovered throughout the texts.



Persuasive Advertising



Maths

This half term we will be focusing on:

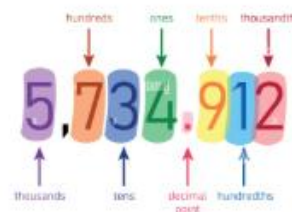
- **Fractions**
- **Decimals**

This half term, we will continue to explore fractions- finding equivalent fractions, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa. Children will also develop their skills in adding and subtracting fractions, adding and subtracting mixed numbers with totals greater and less than 1.

Following on from this, children will build their skills in multiplying fractions with mixed numbers and non-unit fractions, find a fraction of quantity and an amount as well as finding a whole.

In year 5, we will also begin to explore decimals and understand decimals up to 2 decimal places. Children will understand decimals as tenths, hundredths and thousandths.

Fraction	Decimal	Percent
1	1.0	100%
1/2	0.5	50%
1/3	0.33	33.3%
1/4	0.25	0.25%

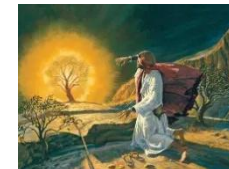


Religious Education

This half term in Religious Education, children will be exploring the key question:




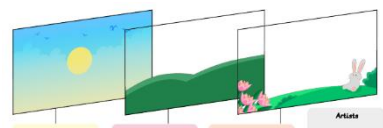
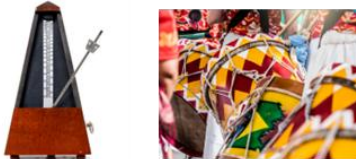
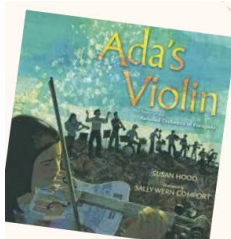

How can following God bring freedom and justice?

They will learn the story of Moses. This will include the story of; the burning bush and the ten plagues. They will understand the main themes of the story of Moses and take part in a debate to discuss if following God brings freedom and justice.



Reminders

- **Spellings are set on Friday – with a spelling test take the following week.** Please can children practice their spellings at home.
- **Please read regularly with your child.** Please can we aim to read at home **at least 3 times a week**; asking children questions as they read aloud and signing their reading records once they have read.
- **Healthy Snacks** – please can we ensure that all snacks provided to children for breaktimes are healthy and **DO NOT** include nuts.

Science	Geography	PE	Art
<p>Forces and space: Earth and space</p> <p>This half term we will finish off our properties and changes unit and then move onto our Forces and Space unit.</p> <p>Children will; compare the contributions of Ptolemy, Alhazen and Copernicus to models of the Solar System, describe the movement and shapes of the celestial bodies within our solar system, describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth and explain the causes of day and night and the different seasons.</p> 	<p>Why do oceans matter?</p> <p>This half term the children will be exploring how we use our oceans and why they are suffering. They will delve into what the Great Barrier Reef is, why it is important and how it can be protected as well as exploring ways to keep our oceans healthy.</p> <p>Within this half term we will begin to understand how littered our marine environment is and discuss ways to improve this.</p> 	<p>This half term in PE, your child will be learning skills for</p> <p>handball and volleyball.</p> <p>Children will learn how to react quickly to the ball and serve it back to the opposite team. They will also develop different techniques for serving the ball in volleyball and ways to return the ball.</p> <p>In handball children will learn ball control as well as way to attack an opposing team with accuracy. They will learn the skills for attacking play as well as putting those skills into practice through mini games.</p> 	<p>Drawing; depth, emotion and movement</p> <p>This half term, children will be learning how to apply an understanding of expressive and gestural lines to capture movement and understand how lines and marks can communicate emotion.</p> <p>In addition to this, children will understand how artists use mark making and shading to create depth and apply an understanding of composition to plan a print.</p> 
Music	PSHE	Computing	Spanish
<p>South and West Africa</p> <p>This half term, children will be exploring the music of Africa and will be learning to sing an African song acapella style. They will use tuned percussion to play a chord progression as well as vocals to perform an ensemble.</p> <p>Children will play call and response rhythms using percussion instruments and create an eight-beat break to play within a performance.</p> 	<p>Ada's Violin</p> <p>This half term, children will read the story of Ada's Violin based on the true story of the Paraguayan Orchestra made from rubbish. This covers topics around the environment and enterprise as well as focusing on Ada's experience with music and how it has helped her boost her self-esteem.</p> 	<p>Data Handling – Mars Rover</p> <p>This half term, children will explore how and why data is collected from space and how the Mars Rover then sends this information back to Earth.</p> <p>In addition, children will learn to read and calculate numbers using Binary Code, identify the computer architecture of the Mars Rover and use simple operations to calculate bit patterns.</p> 	<p>This half term, children will be continuing with the topic of pets which they will then transfer into a short story.</p> <p>After this, we will move onto the topic of Spanish festivals looking into the importance of these throughout Spain. Children will use bilingual dictionaries to understand new words and to discuss things they like and dislike.</p> 