

Dean Gibson Catholic Primary School  
Finches Class Summer 1 Newsletter



Curiosity, Diversity, Outdoors

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer Term is here and there is so much to look forward to! Please find below an overview of the topics that we will be learning in the Finches Class this half term, as well as some other important information.





If you have any questions about the information below, please feel free to make an appointment or catch me for a quick chat.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Miss Hodgson

Below are the topics that we are going to be studying this half term:

Curriculum Overview Spring 1 Finches

Subjects	Finches will be learning about...	Subjects	Finches will be learning about...
RE 	. To the Ends of the Earth We will think about the events after the resurrection of Jesus beginning with Jesus on the road to Emmaus then Jesus ascending to heaven. We will then focus on Pentecost, the early church, Saint Paul and the Holy Trinity.	History 	Ancient Egypt We will think about who the Egyptians were and where they fit into our History, Egyptian rulers and the beliefs of Egyptians before considering mummification and the power of pharaohs.
English 	Balanced Argument  Instructions  Narrative – Adventure Stories	Art   DT	Art – Water We will explore the work of Katsushika Hokusai, Claude Monet and David Hockney to create our own 'water' art using collage, watercolours and wax resistant techniques  DT – 2D design to 3D Product We will undergo the process of researching, designing, exploring techniques and creating a final design to a

			design criteria before creating a 3D fabric product from our 2D design and evaluating it.
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Fractions</p> <p>Measurement – Time</p>	<p>Music</p> 	<p>Exploring Improvisation</p> <p>We will concentrate on the process of understanding music, listening and responding, we will learn to sing a song and play an instrument along with a song before composing, improvising and performing</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Light</p> <p>In Science we will be exploring how we see and natural and artificial light sources. We will then conduct investigations into reflective materials and opaque, translucent and transparent materials before concluding our unit of work thinking about shadows.</p>	<p>PE</p> 	<p>Athletics</p> <p>We will receive coaching from Keith Singleton each Wednesday afternoon, please ensure that you have an outdoor PE kit consisting of blank shorts/leggings, white top, trainers/pumps and a plain black hoodie.</p> <p>Games</p> <p>Mrs Joyce will complete our other session of PE on a Thursday afternoon.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Rivers, Seas and Oceans</p> <p>This term we will be looking at rivers, seas and oceans. We will begin by thinking about water around the world, what a river is and the human uses of a river before moving on to think about the oceans of the world and the seas around the UK. We will then consider the human uses of seas and oceans and the problems that this can cause.</p>	<p>HRSE/PSHE</p> 	<p>Created to Live in the Community</p> <p><u>Online Safety</u> Managing Information Online</p>






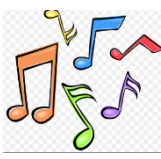
# Our Class Timetable



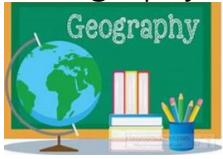

A typical week in the Finches for this half term will look like this:

Finches Class Timetable Summer 1 2023-2024													
Times	8:50-8:55	8:55-9:15	9:15-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:00	12-12:55	1:00-2:00	2:00-2:10	2.10-3:05	3:05-3:20	3.20
Monday	Register	Whole School Prayer and Liturgy	Phonics Intervention/ Spelling	English	Break	Maths	Handwriting	Lunch	RE	Run	RE	Picture News Assembly (Sparrows and Finches)	Home Time
Tuesday	Register	Phonics Intervention/ Spelling		English		Maths	Handwriting		Science	Run	Science	Prayer and Liturgy	
Wednesday	SENDCo Time			SENDCo Time			PE Coaching – Keith Singleton 1.15pm – 2.15pm		Geography	Storytime			
	Register	Wednesday Word Singing Assembly	Phonics Intervention/ Spelling	Computing		Music	Spanish		Handwriting	PPA		PPA	
Thursday	Register	Phonics Intervention/ Spelling		English		Maths	Handwriting		PE	Week A – DT Week B - Art			
Friday	Register	Phonics Intervention/ Spelling		English VIPERS	Maths	Library	History	Run	PSHE	Celebration Assembly			

## Homework

Choose one of the tasks from the below grid each week and complete, adding a note or a copy of the work that you have done to your homework books. Homework books will be checked each week, please ensure that these are kept in book bags.

Subject	Homework Task	Subject	Homework Task
 <p>RE</p>	<p>Pentecost falls in this half term. Think about how the Holy Spirit lives in you – how do you spread the message of Jesus?</p> <p>Complete a random act of kindness – what did you do?</p>	 <p>History</p>	<p>What more would you like to learn? Take some time to complete some further research on the Egyptians and something which sparks your interest. Would you like to learn more about Tutankhamun, the way the Egyptians wrote (hieroglyphics), the river Nile and its importance or pyramids. Get creative and share your learning with me – what about creating a model or some artwork?</p>
 <p>English</p>	<p>Can you write a set of instructions to make a sandwich, brush your teeth or play your favourite game?</p> <p>Don't forget to include a 'what you will need' list and the method and remember to be bossy!</p>	 <p>Art/DT</p>	<p>Our topic this half term is water. Can you create a water image using any media you like. You may wish to take inspiration from the artists we are studying or go and visit a river/coastal area near us and create some artwork based on your observations there.</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>Practise telling the time whenever you can!</p> <p>Can you practise telling the time to o'clock and half past, quarter to and quarter past? What about to the nearest 5 minutes? Practise with someone at home at different times throughout the day.</p>	 <p>Music</p>	<p>Can you create your own musical instrument using natural materials and have a go at composing something of your own?</p>

	<p>Don't forget that you should continue to access TTRockstars a little and often to support with the learning of your times tables. (Y2 should focus on 2's, 5's and 10's, Y3 should be learning their 3's, 4's and 8's)</p>		
 <p>Science</p>	<p>Go on a light hunt around your home, what sources of light can you find? Are they natural or artificial sources of light?</p> <p>Take your learning outside and draw around your shadow at different parts of the day, how does it change? Why does this happen?</p>	 <p>PE</p>	<p>It's time to get active. Share with someone at home what skills you have been learning!</p>
 <p>Geography</p>	<p>Can you complete some research into local rivers – what are their names? Where are their sources? Where do they lead to? Perhaps you could share your learning on a map of the local area, adding the rivers and labelling their features.</p>	 <p>HRSE/PSHE</p>	<p>What are your aspirations? What do you want to do when you are older, who do you want to be? How do you want to live in the wider world?</p>

## PE

Athletics for the Finches Class will be on a Wednesday afternoon and will be delivered by Keith Singleton. Please make sure that you have an outdoor PE kit consisting of black bottoms, a white t-shirt and black zip up/hoodie, no football kits please. Children will also need suitable outdoor footwear (i.e. trainers/PE pumps).

Mrs Joyce will lead us in our 2<sup>nd</sup> PE session of the week on a Thursday afternoon. In these sessions, she will focus on the fundamentals of games and team work skills.

## Open Farm Visit

We have been fortunate enough to secure a place on the Open Farm Day at Heaves Farm, Levens. It is a fun filled day where we are able to explore all aspects of farming life, get hands on and ask lots of questions – it really is a brilliant experience. Our visit will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, more details to follow.

## Outdoor Learning

We will be making the most of outside space and taking our learning outdoors as much as possible in all areas of the curriculum but, following our successful and much enjoyed outdoors day last half term, we will again spend the morning or afternoon learning outside. Please make sure that your child/ren has weather suitable clothing i.e. wellies and waterproofs, sunhat and suncream on these days. More information and dates to follow.

## Reading

Thank you for the effort that you put into reading with your child/ren at home. This is the key to developing skills across the curriculum and the more you can do, the more your child will be able to use these skills in all areas of their learning. Remember to talk to your child about what they are reading as well as listening to them – the type of questions that need an explanation should be combined with fact finding questions. Reading books will continue to be changed in class on a Monday and we will also visit the Library each week to bring home a book to simply enjoy with you at home. Our Reading Suitcase will continue to visit each of us this half term where the children are encouraged to pop away their school readers for the night, curl up with Paddington Bear and a hot chocolate and enjoy reading for pleasure. Bookbags should be brought to school each day.

## Uniform Reminder

Please could you ensure that all uniform including jumpers and ties, PE kits, lunch boxes, water bottles and coats etc. are named.

## Snacks

Fruit is provided in class for snacks during morning playtime. If your child/ren wishes to bring a healthy snack i.e. a different piece of fruit, cereal bar etc. to enjoy from home rather than our fruit, please make sure that this is in their bookbags, ready to be stored in their trays once they come into class. Children should not be choosing from their lunchboxes for snack time.