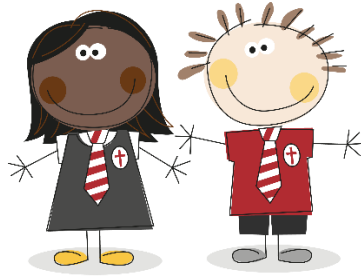


Dean Gibson Catholic Primary School  
Sparrows Class Spring 1 Newsletter



Curiosity, Diversity, Outdoors

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share with you an overview of the topics that your child will be learning this half of the Spring term in Sparrows Class as well as some other important information.

At Dean Gibson, we value the important partnership between home and school. Please use the information below to support your child with their learning over the coming weeks.





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,

Mrs Martin

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

Curriculum Overview Spring 1 Sparrows

Subjects	Sparrows will be learning about....	Subjects	Sparrows will be learning about....
RE 	<b>Galilee to Jerusalem</b> We will be focussing on the presentation of Jesus in the temple, Jesus announcing his mission and choosing his Disciples, the Bible story of Zacchaeus and Jesus being the light of all nations.	History 	<b>Transport</b> We will explore the changes to transport within living memory, looking in detail at space travel and the changes in aeroplane travel. We will continue this work into the second part of the Spring term.
English 	<b>Narrative Non-Chronological Postcards</b> We will look at the story of 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies, writing our own narrative based on the story and then move on to thinking about non-chronological report based on whales.	Art 	<b>Art – Paper sculpture</b>

<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Place value within 20</p> <p>Addition and subtraction within 20</p>	<p>Music</p> 	<p>Exploring sounds</p> <p>We will concentrate on learning how music is made up of high and low sounds, long and short sounds, and loud and quiet sounds. We will explore these sounds and create our own very simple melodies.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Seasonal changes</p> <p>In Science we will be exploring the weather and the four seasons, including the changes within seasons. Also we will be learning about daytime, night time, how this changes through the seasons and the moon.</p>	<p>PE</p> 	<p>PE Coach - Athletics</p> <p>PE Coach - Cricket</p> <p>Both of these sessions are on Thursday mornings – please make sure that you have an outdoor PE kit consisting of black bottoms, a white t-shirt and black zip up/hoodie. Children will also need suitable outdoor footwear.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Where we are</p> <p>In Geography we will explore the countries that make up the UK, what are the capital cities and investigating what urban areas are like. We will continue this work into the second part of the Spring term.</p>	<p>HRSE/PSHE</p> 	<p>Real life online</p> <p>We will be talking about our lives online including internet safety.</p>









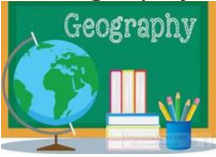

# Our Class Timetable

A week in the Sparrows looks like this:

Sparrows (Year 1) Class Timetable 2023-2024												
	8:50-8:55	8:55-9:15	9:15-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:00	12:00-12:55	1:00-2:00	2:00-2:10	2.10-3:10	3:10-3:20	3.20
<b>Monday</b>	Register	Whole School Prayer and Liturgy	Phonics then English – LW guided reading session 1	Break	Maths	Handwriting JC Phonics	Lunch	PPA – Art	Movement Time	PPA - Music	Read	Home Time
<b>Tuesday</b>	Register	Phonics	LW guided reading session 2		Maths	Handwriting JC Phonics		RE		RE	Read	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Register	Wednesday Word Singing Assembly	Phonics then Literacy		Maths	Handwriting JC Phonics		Science		Science	Read	
<b>Thursday</b>	Register		PE - Graeme		Cricket 11-11.45			Geography		Phonics HRSE Life to the Full Online Safety	Picture news	
<b>Friday</b>	Register	Phonics – longer session	Literacy		Maths	Handwriting JC Phonics		History		Computing	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
RE 	The Holy Family. Write a prayer for your family. Why not bring it into school and share with the class for our RE corner?	History 	Can you research any types of transport from the past and write down any facts that you find?
English 	Read a wide range of texts out loud to someone at home or quietly to yourself. You could choose from home readers, your Library book or some texts you have at home. Practise your sounds using our Little Wandle weekly sheets.	Art 	We are looking at different types of pen strokes in class but do you have any different ways to make patterns using different materials at home?
Maths 	What numbers between 10 and 20 can you represent in different ways? Can you write the numbers as a word? Can you split the numbers and show how many groups of ten and ones you can see for each number?	Music 	Can you make any loud or quiet sounds using things that you find at home? Take a picture of what you find.
Science 	Look outside the window, what changes can you see in the plants and trees as we approach a new season?  Talk to the children about what they know about the four seasons. Can they name them? What special birthdays and events happen in your family in each of the seasons?	PE 	Tell someone at home what the key skills are that we have been learning in Cricket with Adam. How do we hold the bat? What must we remember when we are bowling? What makes a good fielder?
Geography 	Have a look with a parent at Google maps and see if you can find the four countries of the UK. What are their capital cities?	HRSE/PSHE 	Think of all the special people in your life and why they are special to you. Draw a picture and describe what makes each of these people special.  Tell someone at home how to stay safe online.

## PE

We are really lucky this half term and have two sessions of PE provided by outside coaches. Our sessions with Graeme will continue as before half term focusing on athletics and cricket for the Sparrows Class will both be on a Thursday morning. Please make sure that you have an outdoor PE kit consisting of black bottoms, a white t-shirt and black zip up/hoodie. Children will also need suitable outdoor footwear.

## Outdoor Learning

We will be making the most of outside space and taking our learning outdoors for one day each term, 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. 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.