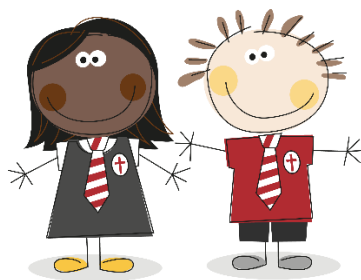


Dean Gibson Catholic Primary School
Sparrows Class Summer 1 Newsletter



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 Summer term in Sparrows Class 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.



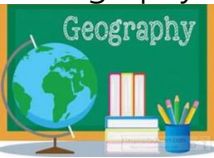

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Martin

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

Curriculum Overview Summer 1 Sparrows

Subjects	Sparrows will be learning about....	Subjects	Sparrows will be learning about....
RE 	To the Ends of the Earth We will be focussing on the road to Emmaus, the Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension, Pentecost.	History 	Homes We will be looking at the changes through what our homes looked like and what materials we used to make them including Victorian times, Tudor times and medieval times.
English 	Persuasive Writing – Poster Narrative Diary	Art/DT 	Art – the natural world
Maths 	Place value within 50 Length and height/weight and volume	Music 	Having Fun with Improvisation We will concentrate on singing and listening are at the heart of each lesson. Play, improvise and compose using a selection

	<p>Multiplication and division</p>		<p>of these notes: C, D, E, F, F#, G, A</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Materials</p> <p>In Science we will be exploring objects and how they are something that can be seen or touched. We will also be learning that an object's purpose is what we use it for. We will name different materials and discuss how they can be natural or manmade.</p>	<p>PE</p> 	<p>PE Coach - Athletics</p> <p>Our PE sessions are on a Wednesday morning (athletics) and a Thursday morning (cricket/multi skills) – please make sure that you have an outdoor PE kit consisting of black bottoms, a white t-shirt and black zip up/hoodie.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>There you are</p> <p>In Geography we will be learning that there are seven continents in the world, six of which people live on. Also that the Equator is an imaginary line across the Earth. We will then do lots of work on Kenya and compare this to the rural and physical features we have looked at in the UK.</p>	<p>HRSE/PSHE</p> 	<p>Created to Live in the Community</p> <p>Online Safety</p> <p>Managing Information Online</p>







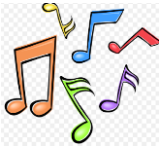

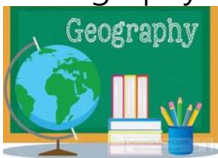
Our Class Timetable

A typical 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
Monday	Register	Whole School Prayer and Liturgy	Phonics then English – LW guided reading session	Break	Maths	Handwriting JC Phonics	Lunch	RE	Movement Break	RE	Picture news	Home Time
Tuesday	Register	Phonics	English		Maths	Handwriting JC Phonics		PPA – Art		PPA - Music	Read	
Wednesday	Register	Wednesday Word Singing Assembly	Phonics then English		PE – Athletics	Handwriting JC Phonics		Science		Science	Read	
Thursday	Register		PE – Cricket		Phonics Maths			Geography		Computing	Prayer and Liturgy Session	
Friday	Register	Phonics – longer session	English		Maths	Handwriting JC Phonics		History		HRSE Life to the Full	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 	Pentecost falls in this half term. Think about how the Holy Spirit lives in you – how do you spread the message of Jesus? Complete a random act of kindness – what did you do?	History 	Can you make a model of one of the houses we are going to be looking at over the next few weeks? 
English 	What posters can you see around? Can you photograph any and look for the features we have discussed? Does it have a rhetorical question? Does it have any special offers to entice you?	Art/DT 	You will be looking at the natural world in Art. Can you find anything in nature that you could use for art? Bark rubbings, stick painting or observational drawings of a flower?
Maths 	This term we will be learning to measure length and height. Use a ruler at home to measure different items or compare which ones are longer or shorter. Challenge yourself to measure some items carefully in centimetres.	Music 	Can you use any pots and pans at home to make improvise and make music?
Science 	What different materials can you find around your house? Can you group them as to whether they are rough or smooth? Hard or soft?	Geography 	What facts can you find out about Kenya? Can you find any books in the library about this country?

PE

Our sessions with Graeme will continue as before half term focusing on athletics 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.