
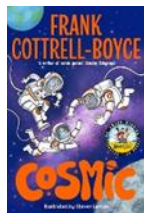
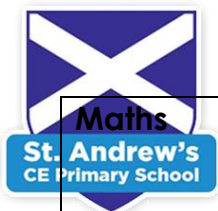



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring term (1) 2026

Please find information listed about the curriculum which will be taught throughout this half term.

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
English	<p><u>Reading</u> This half term we will be reading <i>Odd and The Frost Giants</i> by Neil Gaiman. Our focus will be on retrieving and recording information, using dictionaries to check meaning, and drawing inferences with evidence to justify.</p>  <p><u>Writing</u> In writing this half term, we will use <i>Cosmic</i> by Frank Cottrell-Boyce to continue building narrative writing skills. Children will use relative clauses effectively and practise drafting, editing and improving their work. Children will be encouraged to proof read and evaluate the effectiveness of their choice of vocabulary and grammar.</p>  <p>We will also use <i>Screen Use</i> by Jane Considine. Children will use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity, use adverbs and modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility and write balanced arguments.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Reading is so important across every subject in school. Please can you read with your child at least 3 times a week and talk to them about what they have read, even if it is just 5-10 minutes. Children should record books they are reading in their reading records. Please can you ensure reading books are in school every day as they may be called to read in guided reading groups or 1:1 on any day.</p> <p><u>Spellings</u> Children are given new spellings every Friday and these are tested the following Friday. Please encourage your children to practise their spellings regularly throughout the week both orally and using the look, cover, write, check, method. Spelling books should be brought to school every day with reading packs as children may practise during some registration times.</p>



Maths	In Maths we will continue our work on fractions, adding and subtracting mixed numbers. We will be using written methods to multiply by 1-digit, 2-digit and for some children even 3-digit numbers! We will also use written methods for short division and solve problems using multiplication and division.	Please encourage children to complete TTRS exercises set as part of weekly homework. Knowing times tables well is incredibly important and will help all children to succeed in Maths. Any other board games,  computer games or even songs that use calculations can help improve mental maths skills.
R.E	This term we will be looking at why the Torah is important to Jewish people? Children will build on their understanding of Judaism and reflect on the different cultural heritages of British Jews. We will examine how different Jews may interpret the Torah in diverse ways and how this influences their lives.	
Computing	This term children will be learning about spread sheets and data analysis.	
Science	Children will be learning about forces, water and air resistance as well as levers, gears and cogs.	
PSHE	Keeping safe. Children will consider personal safety physically and online.	
History	Our focus this half term is History: We will be looking at The Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.	
Art	Drawing: Depth, emotion and movement. Children will use colour and line to convey emotion or movement in a sketch. They will use a combination of marks to create tone and depth. Children will also reflect on how artists show emotion and create an effective composition using a focal point and balance.	
P.E.	Outdoor PE will be Tennis. Indoor PE will be a special Commando Joe's unit: Tim Peak.	Our PE days are Wednesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (Indoors). Children may come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please ensure pumps are named and kept in a named bag in school for indoor PE.
Music	Children will continue to explore musical elements and experience composition. They will be encouraged to appraise music	



	they hear. Alfa Education will be delivering the music education	
French	Children will be learning about 'Famille'. They will develop language skills to describe family members and family routines.	

Other Useful Information

Equipment

Just a reminder about equipment.

Children should bring to school:

- A book bag with their reading pack and spelling book every day. No pencil cases please – stationery will be provided.
- A named bottle of plain water.
- If bringing your own snack, please make it a healthy fruit snack- **no nuts please due to allergies in school.**

Please ensure children are in full school uniform including school shoes, no trainers please. Also, no jewellery (apart from a watch if they wear one).

Please label all items clearly with your child's name, especially cardigans and jumpers!

Children need to keep indoor PE pumps in school on their named peg.

PE days are – **Wednesdays (outdoors) and Thursdays (indoors)**. Children may come to school wearing their PE kit on these days – black shorts/joggers/leggings, a white polo shirt and trainers.

A note for children and parents from Mrs Richardson

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you have all enjoyed a well-earned break and a happy peaceful Christmas. Last term seemed to just whizz by. A huge congratulations to all children for their excellent assessment results and amazing performances in our class assembly.

We have another busy term ahead and I am looking forward to seeing lots more achievements and successes.

Please remember if you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Richardson