



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY • BOUNDARY ROAD • NEWARK • NOTTS • NG24 4AU

UKS2: YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 CLASS & CURRICULUM OVERVIEW • ADVENT TERM 2021

Our School Mission Statement: *'In every child there is a space that only God can fill...'* St Thomas Aquinas

Diary Dates:

15.10.2021

Term 1 Ends

1.11.2021

Term 2 Begins

9.11.2021

Parent's Evening @

4:30pm—7:00pm TBC

10.11.2021

Parent's Evening @

3:30pm—6:00pm TBC

2.12.21

Advent Liturgy led by

UKS2 TBC

17.12.2021

Term 2 Ends

Home & School Links

A very warm welcome back to the new school year and to Upper Key Stage Two: Year 5 & Year 6. The children in UKS2 will be taught by Mr Murfin in Year 5/6M, Mr Westerman in Year 5/6W and Mrs Durney in Year 5D. Our Teaching Assistants in UKS2 are Mrs Duckmanton, Mrs Bunkle & Mrs Lowther. We hope that we will get the chance to see you regularly throughout the year so that you can share in your child's learning journey. If you have any questions please feel free to message us via Class Dojo. Alternatively, you can email us using the contact details below. You can also keep up with what Year 5 and Year 6 are doing by following us on Twitter. See the contact information below for further details.

Homework & Reading Books

In UKS2 our homework is given out on Monday and is due back to school no later than the following Monday. It will normally consist of one piece of English or Maths work. Spellings will also be given out each Monday and tested the following week. Practising times tables and completing IXL objectives will also help in all areas of your child's maths work. Reading is such a valuable life skill and is also relevant across all subjects within school. Regular practise really does make a huge difference to reading ability, as does talking about what has been read with someone at home too. Please try to ensure your child reads at home for at least 15 minutes each night and gets their home/school diary signed 3 times per week.

As part of our curriculum UKS2 children will have PE sessions twice per week on Monday and Tuesday. PE sessions are an important part of the curriculum so it is vital that the children have the appropriate kit in order to take part properly. On PE days children will need to attend school in their kit. A tracksuit can be worn in cooler weather. Earrings must be removed.

Email: Year 6: jmurfin@holytrinity.notts.sch.uk • **Year 5:** pdurney@holytrinity.notts.sch.uk • **Year 5:** swesterman@holytrinity.notts.sch.uk



Follow us on Twitter: [@HTAClassMurfin](https://twitter.com/HTAClassMurfin) • [@HTAClassDurney](https://twitter.com/HTAClassDurney) • [@HTAClass5W](https://twitter.com/HTAClass5W)



Search: [holytrinitycatholicacademy](https://www.youtube.com/holytrinitycatholicacademy)

Our Curriculum theme for the Autumn Term at Holy Trinity Catholic Academy is: *Belonging*



A selection of our UKS2 Study Books

Religious Education

In Come & See, we will focus on three topics during the Autumn term: Loving, Vocations and Advent. During these topics the children will have opportunities to explore the scriptures in depth, which will encourage a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith and other religions.

Regular class liturgies for collective worship will also take place which will encourage children to be independent in their learning of what it means to be ourselves as created in God's image. We will explore the importance of vocations within our faith and how we become part of God's family.

As part of our work on Other Faiths this term, we will be investigating Judaism. During our work we will learn about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

English & Mathematics

In English this term the children will be investigating a range of different text types. Within each unit the children will study a variety of different skills. Each unit will end with an opportunity to produce a piece of independent extended writing. Separate to the English lessons, the children will also be taught through whole class modelled reading sessions. Our spelling objectives will be met through the teaching of the RWI *Get Spelling* Programme in Key Stage 2.

The children will take part in daily Maths sessions, which will develop their mental and written maths skills. Each unit will provide many varied opportunities provided to extend their knowledge. Children will be given the chance to explore 'real-life' problem solving and develop their mathematical reasoning skills throughout their work. The children will be taught a range of arithmetic strategies including using times tables up to 12x12, finding a fraction or % of a quantity and rounding to 1 million.

Curriculum Focus

In Geography this term we will be investigating the question, 'Where do I belong?' We will look at the countries of the world with a particular focus on South America and the Amazon Rainforest. In our History work we will be finding out all about power of the monarchs. Our Science work will be based on light & shadow and the Earth in space. We will be conducting detailed investigations, creating our own hypotheses, collecting useful data based on our studies and analysing the results we find to reach a scientific conclusion.

In our Design Technology sessions we will be designing and building a Mars Rover vehicle. Our Music work this term will be focused on the skills of listening and composition. The children in Year 5D & Year 5/6W will also be receiving music tuition from Mrs Stanton and learning to play an instrument. We will begin the academic year in Computing by reminding ourselves of the importance of E-safety.

Physical Education & Forest School

The PE units for UKS2: Year Five & Year Six will include Basketball, Tag Rugby & Gymnastics. The children will also be having regular Forest School sessions in our school Eco Land.

PSHE/British Values

Our focus for PSHE this term will be Democracy, Relationships & Anti-Bullying and as part of our work we will celebrate Multicultural Education week beginning on Monday 11th October.