



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Half Termly Learning overview: Summer 2

Year: 5/6 Samson

This is a summary of the learning and taking place for the half term beginning: 01/06/2026

Not every subject listed is taught every week.

Subject		Learning
English	Reading	We will be studying Shakespeare's Macbeth, acting it out and enjoying the plot, whilst getting to grips with more archaic language. To help us in this, we will be enjoying a performance of the play by Shaking up Shakespeare and taking part in a drama workshop.
	Writing	Children will be writing parts of a variety of text types, to practise their skills in writing for different purposes and audiences. These will include writing a flashback narrative and persuading the audience to buy and use a gadget.
Maths		Pupils will be learning about the properties of various 2D and 3D shapes and studying statistics, including line graphs and pie charts. They will also be doing a real-life scenario Maths project, designing and budgeting for a Music Festival.
Religious Education		We will be looking at Dialogue and Encounter, learning about Catholic Social Teaching and the work of missionaries for the common good. We will also be exploring the themes of unity love, examining how the Catholic church is working with leaders from other faiths to bring peace to the world. Finally, we will learn about Hinduism and Mahatma Gandhi, considering how his teachings and values link with those in Christianity.
Science		Pupils will be studying Evolution and Inheritance, looking at how plants and animals have adapted and evolved over millions of years to suit their environments. They will learn about the basics of genetics: how offspring may inherit some, but not all, of their parents' characteristics.
History		We will be learning about five monarchs who have reigned since 1066 and who have had a significant impact on the way our country has changed over the centuries. These will include William the Conqueror and Henry VIII.
Geography		No Geography this half term
PSHE		Pupils will be continuing their Healthy Eating unit, provided by Easter Education Group. They will also be observing World Environment Day and continuing with their care for the flowers which were planted earlier in the term. Hopefully, they will be able to apply what they have learnt this year in History and Geography to Refugee Week! Towards the end of the term, pupils will be asked to reflect on the past year and we will address any worries about heading into their next year of education.
Primary Languages- French (KS2 only)		The children will finalise their French transition project ready for sending on to their new secondary school or year group and will do final revisions of opinions, shopping and phonics.
Art & Design inc Design Technology		Art: To study masterpieces by famous artists. Students will learn to analyse composition and color palettes, translating these observed techniques into their own original creative styles. This will include a visit to Gainsborough's house during this half term.

Computing	We are continuing with: Computing systems and networks – Communication and Collaboration. This unit teaches pupils about how emails and IP addresses work and how to work on the same project as other people but from different devices simultaneously.
Music	We are continuing with: You to Me are Everything – children will be studying the origins of Disco music from the 1970's, recognising the key features of the genre and learning some classic disco moves from this era!
PE	Children will be practising their tennis skills and also doing athletics – both track and field- in preparation for Sports Day on Friday 3 rd July.