



St Richard's CE Primary School

Summer Term 2026 - First Half

Year 5 Pine Class - April 2026



Welcome back after the Easter holidays. I hope you and your families had a restful and joyful break. I am very much looking forward to teaching year 5 this half term and all the exciting upcoming learning opportunities. On 8th May, as in previous years, we will be visiting the Royal Institution in order to enhance the children's understanding of materials which is our science unit for this half term. Please do read our class newsletter carefully and put important dates in your diary. Please also make sure you read our weekly school newsletter for reminders and any new dates.

Miss Senior

What we are learning about this half term:

English:

This half term we will be writing newspaper reports based on Michael Morpurgo's 'Kasper, Prince of Cats' – a story based loosely on the sinking of the Titanic. This will be complemented by our guided reading non-fiction text – The Story of the Titanic.

The second piece of writing will be based on 'The Diary of Anne Frank'. Running alongside this, our guided reading texts will be 'Poems from the Second World War'.

Maths:

The concepts we will be covering in Mathematics this half term are: Position and Direction, Decimals and Negative Numbers.

RE:

The topic we are learning about this term is: The Buddhist Way of Life.

Dates for your diary:

APRIL

Monday 20th: Swimming and Clubs start

Monday 20th: Day of Hope

Monday 27th: Braiswick Class Photos

MAY

Monday 4th: Bank Holiday

Friday 8th: Y5 to Royal Science Institution

Monday 18th: Mental Health Awareness Week

TOPIC

Science: Materials – properties of materials and reversible/irreversible changes

History: The Changing Power of the Monarchy

Computing: Programming Microbits

Music: Traditional South African music

Art: Architecture

PE: Football and rounders

Homework:

Starting Friday 17th April

- SPAG.com set on Friday due for following Friday
- EDshed – Set on Friday for a test the following Friday.
- Maths.co.uk – Set on a Friday due for following Friday
- Creative homework – 1 per week expected to be handed in – see Creative homework bulletin

How you can help your child at home:

Please practice:

- Times tables – Rapid recall of times tables facts is a huge advantage, not only for multiplication and division, but also for fraction, decimal and ratio work. Any practice you can do with your children would be very welcome.
- And spelling with your children when they are set.

Reading:

Children should be reading for at least 10 minutes every day and you should aim to hear or listen to them read to you at least once per week.



Class Trips and Visitors in School:

Friday 8th May - Royal Institution

June 2026 – Food School Matters – Jam and Chutney making

Summary: (Swimming / PE day etc.)

Wednesday: Swimming

Thursday: PE

Friday: Rejoice Assembly

Staff in class:

Teacher – **Miss Senior** (Mondays to Fridays)

Support Staff – **Ms. K** (all day), **Mrs Singleton** and **Mr D** (morning sessions)

Parent/adult helpers

If you would be interested in helping out on any trips this year, please email me at

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This half term, we're continuing to focus on helping the children to develop greater independence in their learning.

Encouraging them to take responsibility for their own belongings, make choices, and stay organised. This will help them build confidence and important life skills both in and out of the classroom.

We would also like to support the children in establishing a regular homework routine at home. Setting aside a consistent time and a quiet space for homework can make a real difference to their focus and progress. Your encouragement and praise go a long way in helping them take pride in their efforts and become more self-motivated learners.

