



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## News in School

17th April 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Welcome back to Term 5! I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter and have taken time to spend quality time with family and friends to celebrate this most important feast in the Church's Liturgical year.

The year is already going so fast and we are now entering the final 'big term' of the year. Please ensure you keep up to date with the 'Dates for the Diary' section as the calendar is always very busy!

### Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is **'I know how to help others when they are in trouble'** as part of helping the children to **"Grow towards human wholeness in body, mind and spirit and learn to keep themselves and others safe"**.

In this week's Scripture, Luke tells the story of one of Jesus's many miracles, helping others who were in trouble.

*"One day a crowd turned up at Jesus's house. There were so many people that they could not fit in the house. Along came some men with their friend on a stretcher (he couldn't move his Legs or arms so he had to be carried) When they arrived at the house and saw the crowds, they knew they would not get near Jesus. They had a good idea. They climbed onto the roof, made a hole and let the man through the ceiling into the house. Jesus saw him and made him better. The man stood up, picked up his stretcher and walked out.*

*Everyone was amazed."*

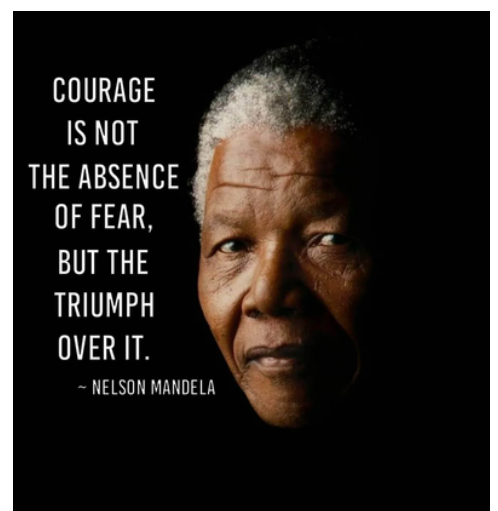
Whilst we are not expected to perform miracles, we, as Christians, can live out the teachings in the Gospel by helping those around us. There are many ways in which we can do this by reaching out to others: find a good time to talk, be a good listener; encourage others to seek help.

This week, ask your child how they could help others if they know they are having troubles.

### Virtue - Courage

This term's Virtue focuses on 'Courage'. Courage is another word for bravery in dealing with scary situations. It is also doing what needs to be done even when it's scary, not letting a fear of failure stop you from trying something new, facing up to your fears or new challenges, using your inner strength to face change.

Each week, the children will learn about a different Christian Value linked to 'Courage' and how we can apply it to our own lives. This week's Value is Patience, followed by Perseverance, Resilience, Determination and Wisdom



# Weekly Attendance

A fantastic well done to YR for 100% attendance in the final week of term – a great achievement in a time of different bugs going around school!!

Overall attendance for w/c 20.03.23 was 93.52% – absence being 6.48%.

Overall attendance for w/c 27.03.23 was 94.48% – absence being 5.52%.

Overall attendance for Term 3 was an amazing 95.22% – absence being 4.68%

As mentioned in previous newsletters, a new Attendance Policy is in place. A copy of this will be emailed to all parents and carers. Having monitored attendance over the last term, a number of children are below 90% attendance and classed as a 'persistent absentee'. Where necessary, letters will be sent to parents/carers informing you if this is the case for your child/ren.

Please ensure your child/ren attends school at every opportunity.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
20.03.23	84.76%	93.33%	90.91%	95.17%	99.23%	96.36%	93.00%
27.03.23	100%	94.67%	94.55%	91.72%	95.00%	95.91%	91.67%
Term 4	93.97%	95.89%	92.58%	95.06%	97.53%	95.45%	95.72%

## Reading

Following a monitoring exercise of reading records, it has been noted that there are a significant number of parents who are not reading at least three times per week with their child. At the beginning of the year, parents were asked to sign the Home/School Agreement document. By signing this document, you agreed to support your child with their reading. I shall be sending out letters to those parents who are regularly NOT reading with their child/ren.

## Uniform



As always at the start of a new term, I would like to remind you that our school uniform is very important to us as it reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. It also helps to promote a sense of community and belonging and pride in our school. The school uniform consists of:

- a royal blue 'v' neck jumper or cardigan
- a white stiff-collared short-sleeved or long-sleeved shirt
- charcoal grey trousers/shorts for boys
- charcoal grey pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts for girls
- blue and white checked summer dresses
- white, grey or black socks/tights – NOT brightly coloured patterned socks
- black school shoes – NOT trainers
- stud earring only – NOT hoops.

As the Summer approaches, please ensure that your child continues to wear their shoes and NOT sandals.

Sandals offer little protection to the feet when playing or moving around the classroom. In the past, there have been a number of injuries of chair legs squashing little toes and it really hurts!

It has been noted, as the terms are passing by, that standards in uniform are slipping – especially with PE kits. If your child does not come in the correct PE kit (royal blue shorts/white t-shirt – either plain or logoed/royal blue tracksuit) a note will be sent home with your child as a reminder.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN WEARING MULTICOLOURED T-SHIRTS or HOODIES.**

# Year 6 Leavers

And so it is that time of the year where we start thinking about our Year 6 children starting to flex their wings in readiness for secondary school. It seems barely two minutes ago that they were joining us in Year R, at whatever school they were at! Where has that time gone?!

Having spoken to Deacon Tony and Father Peter, the Y6 Leavers' Mass will take place on Thursday, 20th July at 10.15am. This will be followed by the Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 1.30pm in the afternoon of the 20th. Doors will open at 1.15pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to both important events in the children's lives.



## Eid-ul-Fitr

Ramadan has taken place over the last month and we would like to wish all our Muslim families a happy Eid-ul-Fitr!

We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating this very special time with your family and friends!

# King's Coronation - Party in the Playground Friday, 6th May 2023

To celebrate the momentous occasion of King Charles's Coronation, we are pleased to inform you that we will be holding another 'Party in the Playground' to celebrate (weather dependent or it will be a Banquet in the Hall!). The children will need to come to school wearing either red, white or blue, or come dressed as a King - girls included. Furthermore, we would like the children to make their own crown, at home, to wear on the day. A prize will be given to the best EYFS, KS1 and KS2 crowns. No child will go without a crown if they are unable to make one at home.

Further details will be provided nearer the time.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Chawner or Mrs Drysdale. We are always here to help!

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Malthouse  
Headteacher

# Dates for your diary

1st May	May Bank Holiday
6th May	Party in the Playground (weather depending!!)
8th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
9th - 12th May	KS2 SATs
26th May	Term 5 ends
29th May - 2nd June	Half Term
5th June	Term 6 starts
20th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass (10.15am) Y6 Leavers' Assembly (1.30pm)
21st July	Final Celebration Liturgy of the Year

**Pentecost 1 Curriculum Overview – Year Reception**

Subject	Curriculum	Overview
English	Talk for Writing	<p><u>Fiction –The Very Hungry Caterpillar.</u>                      This term the children will be retelling the well-loved story ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ using their story-teller voices and lots of actions. They will have the chance to make props to help them tell the story as well as using their creative skills to make some caterpillar-themed arts and crafts! The class will later change the story to ‘The Very Hungry Tadpole# , deciding what different things the tadpole might eat, where he would sleep and what he would turn into at the end of the story!</p>
	Spelling	<p>This term, some children will be rehearsing their set 1 ‘special friends’ sounds with a big focus on accurately and fluently reading 4 and 5 sound words. Some children will continue learning their set 2 sounds with a big focus on reading words with these sounds fluently using their amazing ‘Fred in your Head’ skills! The Reception children will also be reading short stories and completing short writing activities that are linked to these stories.</p>
	Grammar	<p>As part of their Talk for Writing lessons the children will be learning to use sequencing words such as ‘first’, ‘next’, ‘then’, ‘finally’ as well as the days of the week.</p>
Maths	Number	<p>This term our Maths teaching will build upon the firm foundations in the children’s knowledge of numbers from 0-10. There will be a big focus on building numbers beyond 10 and counting patterns beyond 10. The children will be introduced to using 2 10-frames and noticing that, when we work with numbers beyond 10, the first 10-frame is always full. As always there will be a range of resources used such as stories, songs, movements and a range of physical objects; both inside and outside.</p>
	Spatial Reasoning	<p>Alongside the number work, the children will be learning about spatial reasoning. They will be looking at a range of familiar shapes in different orientations and learning that they are still the same shape, no matter how they are presented. They will be creating, replicating and discussing construction and small-world scenes, looking at where things are in relation to each other and thinking carefully about what they need to consider when re-creating these.</p>
RE	Lent/Easter- Giving. ‘Growing’.	<p>To begin the term, the class will be continuing with their Easter-linked topic, ‘Growing’. They will be focussing on the big question; “How and why do things grow?” and discussing how they grow in their love for Jesus during Lent and Easter.</p>
	Pentecost- Serving. ‘Good News’.	<p>During this topic the class will focus on the big question; “What is good news?” They will learn about Pentecost and the good news that the Holy Spirit brought to the disciples, allowing them in turn to spread the good news to everyone around them.</p>
Topic	Minibeasts	<p>This term the children will start by learning about a range of minibeasts and common/differing features of these. Throughout weeks 2, 3 and 4 they will learn in more detail about butterflies, ants and bees. They will even get to witness first hand as our caterpillars grow, build a chrysalis and then eventually emerge as butterflies by the end of the term! The children will finish the term by learning about dragonflies, including a trip to Whisby Nature Reserve to see dragonflies in their natural habitat.</p>
RSHE		<p>In their RSHE lessons the children will be understanding that exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health. They will learn about how to be safe around medicines and the importance of keeping ourselves and our bodies safe.</p>

**Pentecost 1 Curriculum Overview – Year 1**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>Overview</b>
<b>English</b>	Spelling	This term, the children will continue to learn the Year 1 Common exception words as well as words they have been spelling during phonics.
	Grammar	As part of Talk for Writing, the children will continue using full stops, finger spaces and capital letters as well as learning about adjectives and verbs.
<b>Maths</b>	Multiplication and Division	Children will focus on counting by 2, 5 and 10. The children will share objects into equal groups.
	Height and Length	The children will explore the how to measure length and height using different resources such as objects, cubes and rulers. They will compare different lengths and heights using the inequality symbol.
	Weight and Volume	The children will explore the how to measure weight and volume, as well as understanding the difference between the two. They will compare the different weights and volumes against one another.
<b>RE</b>	Holidays and Holydays	The children will learn that for Christians, Sunday is the special day of the week. It is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead and is considered to be a day of rest. Pentecost is a special celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, through whom the risen life of Jesus is given.
	Sikhism	Children will understand and recognise who Guru Nanak is and how the Sikhism beliefs are lived out.
<b>Art</b>	Flora and Fauna	In this pathway children are introduced to the idea that many artists use flora and fauna to inspire their work. We look at artists who used drawing as a way to accurately capture the way plants and insects look, and artists who use their imagination to create their own versions of flora and fauna.
<b>History</b>	Local Farming	In this topic, the children will learn about that plants need soil, sunlight and water to grow, the names of adult farm animals and their young and different jobs on the farm. They will recognise the difference between towns and farm land, food that comes from the farm and the importance of bees.
<b>IT</b>	Moving a Robot	Children will look at different ways to input data to move BeeBots.
<b>Music</b>	New scheme CMAT	This term starts with a new exciting music scheme provided by our CMAT. We have some music specialists coming in to lead our music lessons and the pupils will have a chance to play on some new instruments in class.
<b>PE</b>	PE 1 – Sports Day Races	The children will practise a variety of sporting events in preparation for sports day. They will focus on running, space hopping, sack racing, egg and spoon race as well as focusing on the skill team work.
	During both these topics, children will learn how to set up equipment safely as well as putting away safely.	
	PE 2 – Growing	The children will master movements to represent a plant growing. This links to our Science topic 'Plants'.
<b>RSHE</b>	Safety in the Real World and Virtual World	The children will recognise how to be safe around hazards at home, about safe and unsafe physical contact, preparing themselves for their new class, online safety and know what to do in an emergency.
<b>Science</b>	Plants	Children will explore how a seed grows into a plant or flower. The children will investigate a flowers life cycle by planting their own bulbs and recording their process. The children will also recognise the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees.

**Pentecost 1 Curriculum Overview – Year 2**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>Overview</b>
English	Writing	Fiction –New story ending for the Tin Soldier. Describing a dragon, writing a dragon story. SATS
	Spelling	This term, the children will be recapping suffixes, ed, ful, ment, ness, ly, homophones and exception words and commonly misspelt words.
	Grammar	Recap of all grammar for Year 2, SATS preparation and SATS.
Maths	Fractions, time Consolidation	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}$ fractions and learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5 mins before consolidating addition and subtraction, division and multiplication ready for SATS.
	Multiplication Tables	This term, the focus will be the 5, 3, multiplication tables
RE	Spread the Word	Jesus’s resurrection and ascension, Pentecost, How the Holy Spirit helps us in our lives and how we can spread the Good News.
	Sikhism	Looking at the importance of family life and why prayer is important for Sikhs
DT	Sewing a pouch	Children will learn running stitch, cross stitch when joining 2 pieces of materials to make a pouch.
History	The History of Flight	Time line of flight from the first flight. Significant historical figures of the Wright brother, Amelia Earhart and Katherine Johnson. The Space Race
IT	Creative Media-Digital music	Investing, exploring and creating music using instruments and digital music app
Music	New scheme CMAT	This term starts with a new exciting music scheme provided by our CMAT. We have some music specialists coming in to lead our music lessons and the pupils will have a chance to play on some new instruments in class.
PE	PE 1 - Explorers	Sequencing dance movements as explorers off on an adventure.
	PE 2 -Athletics	Sports Day Practise
RSHE		Using electronic devices safely, knowing the difference between good and bad secrets and who to tell. Knowing when I feel unsafe and worried for myself and others. When and how I might feel unsafe outside, who I can tell and who are my trusted adults?
Science	Plants	Naming and labelling plant, identifying the functions of parts of the plants, germination, investigating what a plant needs to survive.

**Pentecost 1 Curriculum Overview – Year 3**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>Overview</b>
English	Non-fiction	The children will learn about features of a Non-chronological report and create their own report linked to our science topic on Plants.
	Spelling	Pupils will consolidate previous spelling words and continue to practise Y3 spelling lists. They will also look at words with “y making an i” sound as well as looking at suffixes including “ly” and use of apostrophes in contractions and for possession.
	Grammar	The class will be reviewing structuring sentences with basic full stops and capitals for proper nouns. They will revise how to use conjunctions to extend sentences and their suitability. They will also look at paragraphing and informative language.
Maths	Fractions	The children have already explored fractions last term, but this time they will be looking at finding fractions of a given amount for both unit and non-unit fractions.
	Money	The class will review coin values as well as look at notes. They will work on finding change and converting pounds and pence.
RE	Energy	Pupils will learn about Pentecost and the energy the disciples experienced when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They will explore how to use their energy for the good of others.
	Choices	Pupils will learn that we can make good and bad choices and recognise that even when we sin, we can be forgiven. They will learn that when we make bad choices, there are consequences and we are rewarded for good choices.
D&T	Cushions	The class will learn about applique and how to cross stitch. They will be design their own cushions and then apply their learnt sewing skills to make it.
French	Ice cream	The children will learn 10 different flavour ice creams and how to ask for an ice cream in a tub or cone.
History	Lincolnshire over the years (A local study)	Pupils will learn about how Lincoln has changed over centuries and who has made Lincoln their home throughout the ages. They will discover previous names for Lincoln and artefacts that provide evidence of what Lincoln used to be like.
Computing	Desktop Publishing	Pupils will learn how to use tools on publisher to adapt text and add pictures.
Music	New scheme CMAT	This term starts with a new exciting music scheme provided by our CMAT. We have some music specialists coming in to lead our music lessons and the pupils will have a chance to play on some new instruments in class.
PE	Football Invasion Games	Children will learn how to dribble, defend and keep possession of the ball whilst working within a team.
	Sports Day races	Pupils will prepare for Sports day by working on their racing skills for spring, egg and spoon and even the three-legged race!
PSHE	Safe relationships	The class will explore being in safe relationships with friends and family members and how to keep safe online, following giving regulations and restrictions.
Science	Plants	Pupils will learn about parts and the different functions each part of the plant has. They will discover about the processes of pollination and fertilisation and how seed dispersal happens.



**Pentecost 1 Curriculum Overview – Year 4**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>Overview</b>
English	Talk for Writing	Fiction – Wishing Story – They will learn the story of “Sulius” and then ultimately plan and write their own wishing story. Non-fiction – Discussion – The children will analyse the text “Should Sulius be punished?” and identify the features of a discussion text before planning and writing their own.
	Spelling	Consolidation of previous spelling words with common spelling patterns or phonemes as well as practising the Year 3 and Year 4 spelling lists.
	Grammar	The children will be learning about fronted adverbials, verb tenses, different sentence structures and the use of the apostrophe.
Maths	Fractions	Consolidate their knowledge of finding fractions, knowing that fractions are equal parts of a whole. They will then find fractions of amounts, both unit and non-unit fractions.
	Decimals	Recognising tenths and hundredths, dividing 1 and 2 digit numbers by 10, writing tenths and hundredths as decimals, dividing 1 and 2n digit numbers by 100, compare, order and round decimals.
RE	New Life	Learning about how the apostles spread the Good News and the reasons for their actions.
	Building Bridges	Explore the concept of reconciliation and forgiveness, including how we can build bridges of friendship and goodness.
D&T	Slingshot Cars	They will build a car chassis and design a shape of car which reduces air resistance before building and testing their own model cars.
French	Quelle Est La Date Aujourd’hui?	Consolidate the months of the year and learning how to identify classroom items.
History	Elizabethan Era	Take a trip back in time to the Elizabethan Era; learning when it occurred, the importance of the era, what life as life and their religion.
Computing	Photo Editing	They will learn about the composition of images, how to edit, change, retouch and evaluate a photo editing tool.
Music	Connecting notes and feelings	Learning different songs and then creating simple melodies to accompany them.
PE	Swimming	This term, the class will be walking to the swimming pool in Sleaford to learn and develop important swimming skills.
RSHE	Keeping Myself Safe!	Knowing how to be safe online, play computer games safely, how to identify pressures and also how to access help when needed.
Science	Living things and their habitats	Learning about the 7 characteristics of a living thing, observe the micro-habitats they can see around them, record different living things they can see (animals and plants), create a branching database to sort and identify living things and understand classification keys.

**Pentecost 1 - Curriculum Overview – Year 5**

Subject	Curriculum	Overview
English		<p><b>Shakespeare – Macbeth</b> The children will be discovering Act 1 Scene 1 and the role that the weird sisters played in Macbeths quest to become King of Scotland.</p> <p><b>Non Fiction – Report – Ice-Dagger dragon</b> Within this topic, the children will be discussing reports and using the text ‘Ice dagger dragon’ to recreate a non-chronological report to give the reader more information.</p>
	Spelling	During the term, the children will be revising the Year 5/6 Common Exception Words.
	Grammar	This term, the children will recap all previous grammar and continue to develop these within their writing.
Maths	Shape	<p><b>Shape</b> The children will use their knowledge of 2D shapes and develop this by looking at 3D shapes. They will also discover angles and how to use a protractor.</p>
	Position and Direction	<p><b>Position and Direction</b> The children will build upon their existing knowledge to look at position and direction. They will discover co-ordinates, lines of symmetry and reflections.</p>
	Decimals	<p><b>Decimals</b> The children will end the term looking at Decimals. They will look at adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals along with decimal sequencing.</p>
	Multiplication Tables	The children will continue to practise all of their Times Tables both in school and at home.
RE	Transformation	During this topic, the children will consider how we transform energy to make our lives more spiritual and become a better person.
	Other faith	The children will discover another faith this term. They will discuss the similarities and differences to the Roman Catholic faith.
DT	Stuffed Toys	This term the children will be designing and making a stuffed toy suitable for a young child. They will consider all safety and design practicalities.
French	Les Jeux Olympics	During this topic, the children will learning about the history of the Olympic games and how they were reinstated.
History	The Stuarts	In this unit, the children will find out about The Stuarts. They will be discussing the Monarch and how the Gunpowder plot occurred.
IT	Vector drawings	The children will be learning about vector drawings this term and creating their own using google draw. They will understand how to rotate, copy and paste shapes.
Music	New scheme CMAT	This term starts with a new exciting music scheme provided by our CMAT. We have some music specialists coming in to lead our music lessons and the pupils will play on some new instruments in class.
PE	PE 1 - Sports Day Events	During this topic, the children will be learning about different sports day events. They will take part in a range of activities.
	PE 2 - Rounders	In Rounders, the children will learn all aspects of the game: hitting the ball; bowling and fielding, ending the topic with a class game.
RSHE	Mental Health and Well-Being	This term the children will be looking at mental health and well-being. They will look at personal hygiene and consider how we can make good choices to improve our sleep.
Science	Plants	During this topic, the children will learn about the reproduction of plant life. They will understand how plants reproduce differently whilst being able to name all the parts of a flower. They will finish the topic learning about germination.

**Pentecost 1 - Curriculum Overview – Year 6**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>Overview</b>
English	Writing	This term the children will be exploring a variety of texts that are fiction and non-fiction, relating to this term's history topic of WWII. The children will be exploring the meaning of what specific vocabulary means and how to use information from texts, to inspire their writing.
	Spelling	This term the children will be focusing on revising statutory and common exception Year 5 and Year 6 words, in preparation for their SATs.
	Grammar	For grammar lessons, we will be revisiting different areas each week. We will also be looking at grammar questions from SATs papers to familiarise ourselves with the different types of questions that may come up.
Maths	Geometry - Shape Geometry - Position and Direction	This term, the children will be focusing on how to calculate angles and learn how to work out missing angles in different shapes. The children will also be looking at how to measure angles accurately and understand what type of angle it is. The children will also be looking at the four quadrants and how to plot points within the four quadrants. They will also be looking at reflections and translations of points/shapes.
	Multiplication Tables	The children will continue to practise their times tables by using TTRockstars both at school and at home. The children will also be given frequent times tables tests to allow them to identify areas for development.
RE	Witnesses	In this topic, the children will be learning about how Christians believe that the spirit of God is active in each person and in a special way in the community of believers which is the Church. They will also know that The Feast of Pentecost is the celebration both of the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the trust God places in people to be witnesses in the world.
	Other Faiths	For our other faiths unit, we will be exploring Sikhism, explore acts of service in Sikhism.
DT	Automata Toys	In DT this term, the children will be learning how to use woodworking tools and explain what their purpose is. They will be learning how to use their new skills and knowledge to create frames and consider if their choices are appropriate when creating their frames.
French	WWII	This term, the children will be learning vocabulary about WWII. They will be learning the names of some of the countries involved and they will also be able to name what an evacuee would have seen. The children will also learn adjectives to describe country life and city life.
History	WWII: The Blitz	For our last history topic of the year, the children will be recapping some prior knowledge of the events that occurred in WWII but they will also be expanding on this knowledge. The children will expand their knowledge on what it was like to be a child during WWII and the different types of lives that men and women had during this time.
Computing	Variables in Games	In computing, the children will be learning what a variable is, what the purpose of a variable is in games and how we can use variables in games to improve them. The children will also design their own game and identify any variables in their own design.
PE	Athletics	This term, the children will practise their underarm and overarm throwing skills with different types of equipment and use their prior knowledge to decide whether it should be overarm or underarm. The children will also start practising for this year's Sport's Day.
RSHE	Created and Loved by God: Life Cycles	This term, we will start to introduce the children to some of the changes that their bodies might start going through as they approach their early teenage years. We will also be exploring how God creates new life and how babies develop.
Science	Circulatory System	For this science topic, we will be exploring how the heart functions and what the purpose of our heart is. We will also be exploring how blood, water and nutrients are transported within humans and animals. The children will also explore how certain things such as diets can affect our bodies and their function.