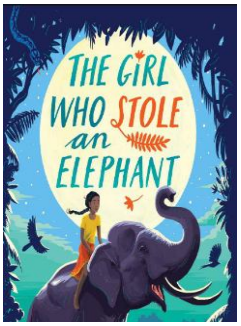
Year 5 Spring 2 Overview

Subject	Focus
English	**Class reading book** – The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook. **Writing genres** – Alchemist's Letter narrative Animals of the Amazon; Rainforest non-chronological report. **Grammar** – Using a colon to introduce a list. Using parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas) to add extra information.
Mathematics	**Decimals and Percentages -** Ordering and comparing decimals, rounding decimals, understanding percentages, equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages **Perimeter and Area -** Finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and polygons, finding the area of rectangles and compound shapes, estimating area **Statistics -** Reading, interpreting and drawing line graphs, reading and interpreting timetables and two-way tables
Science	**Properties and Changes of Materials** – Comparing and grouping together materials based on their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.
Computing	**Programming** - Microbits
Geography	**Mapping Skills** – Identifying the features of an Ordnance Survey map and using grid references to locate a place. Use a compass and a scale to give directions.
Design and Technology	**Electrical Systems** – Exploring electrical circuits by looking at different switches, lights and buzzers. Design and create an electrical circuit game for the Easter Enterprise.
Physical Education	**Games:** Football **Dance:** Street Art
RSHE	**Life in Plastic** – Children will understand what improves and harms their local, natural and built environments and the importance of reducing the amount of single-use plastic we use, all within the context of Catholic Social Teaching.
French	**In my wardrobe –** Colours, wardrobe styles and Easter.
Music	**Exploring rounds** – Identifying differences between rhythm and pulse. Exploring musical rounds and how this relates to pitch. **Keyboard** – Note values and notation through learning on the keyboard.



Key words
Circuit
Sacrament
Reconciliation
Grid reference
Scale
Soluble
Evaporate
Reversible
Dissolve
Rhythm
Insulator
Conductor

Religion - Reconciliation

Children will learn that sin is a failure of love and learn that when we sin we hurt ourselves and others and damage our relationship with God. They will begin to understand that God loves and forgives us if we are truly sorry and learn that God heals our friendship with him and others through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They learn how we can prepare ourselves to receive this Sacrament and learn what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At home you could help your children by:

- talking to them about what strengthens their friendships
- reading the stories of Jesus' last week with them