

Stewards of the Earth; Guardians of God's Gifts: Is Our World Always As It Seems?

Welcome back to all Year 5 pupils and families! I hope you had an amazing summer and have come back rested and ready for life in Year 5! The theme for this year is 'Stewards of the Earth; Guardians of God's Gifts' and is inspired by our Catholic Social teaching of being good Stewards of the Earth. This year, we hope to work with you to encourage your children to reach their full potential. As your children are now in Upper Key-Stage-Two, I'm sure they are eager to take on the new responsibilities and challenges that come with it.

Throughout **RE** the children will be exploring their talents and gifts through the topic of 'Ourselves'.

They will also have a chance to look forward and consider their 'Life choices' and how to make the right choices whilst spreading the Good News.

The topic of 'Hope', just before Christmas, will allow the children to think about using our faith to hope and how to use our time wisely whilst waiting.

Our exploration of another World Faith– Judaism – will give us chance to consider the topic of Community and the communities we are part of.



Key Dates:

18th September 2pm: Welcome Mass

8th and 9th October: Parents' Consultations

10th October : World Mental Health Day

16th October 2pm: Harvest Mass

21st Oct-1st Nov: Half term

4th Nov: Inset Day

8th Nov, 9:15am: Year 5 Assembly

13th Nov: Odd Socks Day

3rd December: Advent Celebration

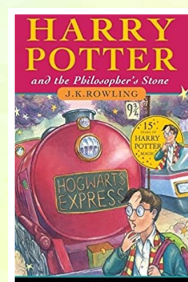
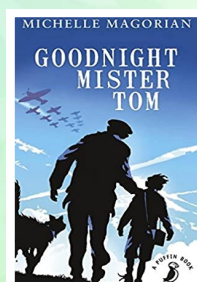
15th December: Christmas Dinner

17th December: Christmas Jumper Day & Carols around the Tree

20th December: Last day of Term

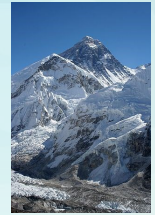
English: Our class texts this term will be: Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian and Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. Using these varied and exciting texts alongside imagination, we will create original pieces of writing and poetry. There will be lots of discussion and group writing to ensure the children can confidently use the skills when asked to independently. As always, there will be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar to ensure Year 5 produce writing of the highest quality.

Maths: Year 5 will deepen their understanding of mental and written methods to ensure they have a range of ways to solve problems. We will focus on: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Measurement and Statistics. Throughout these topics, we will explore contextualised problems that will encourage the children's independence in maths so they become life-long mathematicians.



During **science** lessons, children will be learning the symbols of an electrical circuit, making electrical circuits and investigating how to make bulbs brighter and buzzers louder. We will then use this knowledge in our DT sessions in order to create our own wonderful electrical circuits.

History will see Year 5 looking at the history of propaganda through the Tudors, Elizabethans and WW2 and how this impacted society then and now.

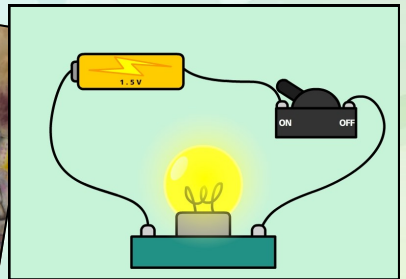


In **Geography**, we will be learning about Mountains in the UK and globally. We will be looking at the human and physical geography and our locational skills.

In **Art** we will take inspiration from Marc Chagall to explore the use of colour.

In **PE** we will be developing our multisport skills in our sessions with Gordon as well as swimming lessons at the local leisure centre.

Year Five will also be studying **French**, building up a basic vocabulary and essential conversation skills. Pupils will have an opportunity to practice their pronunciation through speaking and listening activities in lessons with our French teacher. In **Computing**, the children will be able to develop their coding and inventive skills, whilst working with a variety of software.



Help from home!

1. Please check Homework diaries regularly for weekly information about your child's work and progress. **Diary checks will be made on a Monday. Year 5 will be expected to have their previous week's page filled in with their reading successes and signed by an adult.**
2. Children will be given homework each week. They will be reminded to write down their homework and its due date in their diary and, as Year 5s, they are encouraged to take responsibility for remembering to complete their homework, but they may need the odd reminder from someone at home to get it done! Homework is not something that should worry them and I will remind them that if they are ever struggling to complete a homework task, then they should come and see me.
3. It is very important that all children can recall their **number facts** quickly and correctly, so when possible please encourage your child to practise their multiplication, division, addition and subtraction skills. It is an essential skill.
4. **Reading every day is essential.** Please discuss characters, themes, plots and ask for your child's opinions on the books they are reading; this will help with their success in English. Recording this information in their homework diary is extremely useful evidence of their reading.
5. **Swimming will begin in September.** Please ensure that girls are wearing one piece swimming costumes and for boys, above the knee shorts with no pockets. All jewellery must be removed. Please write a note your child's diary if you would like them to wear goggles. **Standard PE kits should be in school all week.**
6. Children will be given a list of spellings each week. These will be tested the following week. Please keep a check of these regularly. A useful way to practise spellings is to include them in interesting or funny sentences.
7. Your support this year will be crucial and I'd like to thank you in advance for your support over the coming term.

Miss Ashton