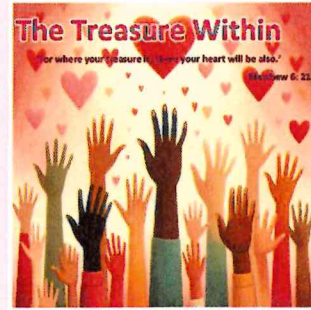


# Year 5 Summer Newsletter

## - The Treasure Within



I'd like to say a warm welcome back to everyone and hope that you all had a lovely, restful Easter break. The children have settled in so well so far, and I know that they are ready for this action-packed term. We will continue to be inspired by the Catholic Social Teaching of Human Dignity and the Bible Quote, 'For where your treasure is, your heart will be also' (Matthew 6:21).

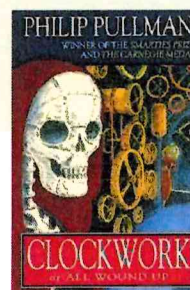
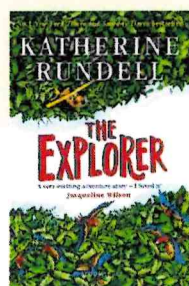
In RE, the children will follow the 'To know you more clearly' curriculum of:

In the **Desert to Garden** branch, children will explore how Jesus' journey through temptation, suffering, death, and resurrection shows God's love, forgiveness, and the promise of new life and hope. We will also be learning about **Hinduism** and **Sikhism** as part of our other faiths. In **Prophecy and Promise**, pupils explore the Christian understanding of the prophets as they point to fulfilment of God's promise in a Messiah, Jesus Christ. In our final topic, **To the Ends of the Earth**, we will recall the stories of the resurrection of Jesus, Ascension and Pentecost Day. We will recognise that the Holy Spirit opens our hearts to God and is always with us.

**Maths:** This summer term, Year 5 pupils will build on their mathematical understanding through the White Rose Maths scheme, focusing on geometry, position and direction, decimals, negative numbers, and measurement. They will learn to measure and draw angles, describe position using coordinates and transformations, work confidently with decimals, understand numbers below zero, and convert units including volume. Lessons emphasise fluency, reasoning and problem-solving, encouraging children to explain their thinking and apply maths skills in real-life contexts.

**English:** Our class texts this term will be: *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell and *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. 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.

During **Science** lessons, children will be exploring topic Properties of Materials and Animals, including humans through research and lots of practical investigations!



### Key Dates:

- Bank Holiday- 4th May
- Ascension Liturgy - 14th May
- Go Ape Trip - 19th May  
9:30am
- KS2 Sports Day – 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Mass of Corpus Christi - 4th June
- Class Photos- 10th June
- Open Afternoon- 24th June  
2pm
- INSET Day - 3rd July
- Musical – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Family picnic – 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Final Mass – 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- End of Term – 24<sup>th</sup> July



**History and Geography** lessons will be focusing on Coal Mining and the Miner's Strike and how land use impacts choices for the location of collieries.

**Art** lessons will provide opportunity for the children to develop their painting skills as they explore different methods of creating portrait art.

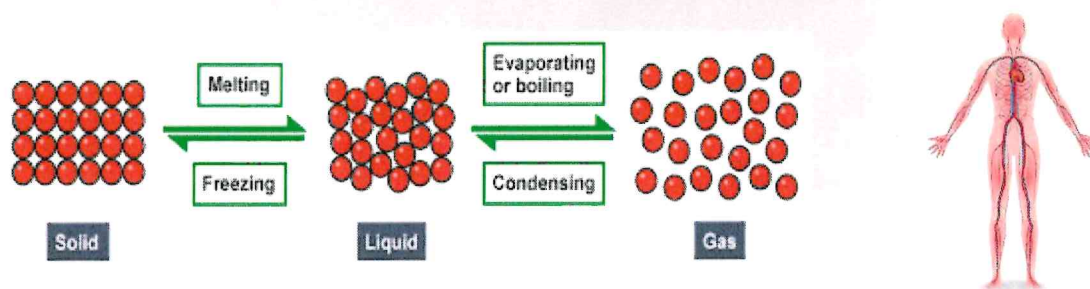
In **DT** we will design and create monitoring devices linked to our science topic.

In **PE** we will begin sessions developing our Dance with Mrs Bathgate skills and Multi – sports with Gordon. We will also be continuing swimming lessons later in the term.

**Music** this term focuses on orchestral and film music giving children the opportunity to be their own composers!

In **French**, Year 5 will be using the topics of 'school' and 'History' to build 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 with a task that they must complete **daily**. 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 by using TTRS and Mathletics. 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. Standard PE kit should be in school **every day**. Indoor PE kit is a white shirt and black sports shorts. Outdoor kit can include additional black jogging bottoms and a black hoodie. All jewellery must be removed.
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