

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

- One World, One Family



I'd like to say a warm welcome back to everyone and hope that you all had a lovely, restful summer break. The children have settled in so well so far, and I know that they are ready for this action-packed term. This year we will be inspired by the Catholic Social Teaching of solidarity and the Bible Quote, '*We are one body in Christ*' (Romans 12:5

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

Creation and Covenant: in which pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls people.

Prophecy and Promise: in which pupils explore the Christian understanding of the prophets as they point to fulfilment of God's promise in a Messiah, Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

During **Science** lessons, children will be exploring the properties of materials, different states of matter and changing materials through lots of practical investigations!

Key Dates:

9th September 2pm: Welcome Mass

18th September: Youth Mental Health Day

30th September 3.30pm: Parent Open Evening

1st October 2.30pm: BRW Feast Day Celebration of the Word

14th October 2pm: Harvest Mass

16th October: INSET DAY

19th-30th October: Half Term Break

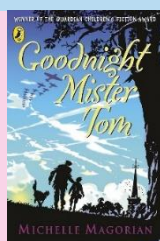
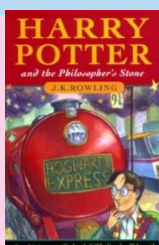
6th November Y5 Assembly

20th November: INSET DAY

2nd December 5pm: KS2 Advent Celebration

15th December 2pm: Christmas Jumper Day and Carols Around the Tree

16th December 2pm: Advent Mass



History and **Geography** lessons will be focusing on Ancient Egypt and Climate and the impact that these topics have on our world today.

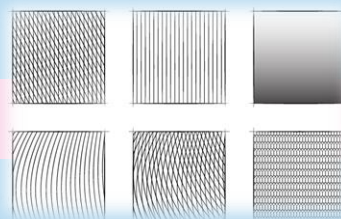
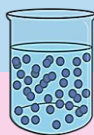
Art lessons will provide opportunity for the children to develop their drawing skills such as; observational skill, experimenting with a range of lines and mark making.

In **DT** Year 5 will be creating and producing their own delicious food!

In **PE** we will begin sessions developing our Basketball 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!

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