

Excellence Together, Learning through Faith.



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Year 5 Curriculum Letter Autumn 2nd Half Term 2018-19

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope you enjoyed your half term break and managed to enjoy some quality time with your children. We are now well into the swing of Year 5, with our classroom routines settled and the children understanding the higher expectations now that they are in upper Key Stage 2. I am happy to report that the general level of the children's work has been very good so far! Our whole-school theme for this term is "Let's Celebrate", and our faith value is "Friendship". Meanwhile, our class topic is "The Earth and Space", which the children are already very excited about. Linking into this topic, our Power of Reading book this term is "Phoenix" by S F Said, an exciting science fiction adventure novel set in space!

Dates for your diary:

Friday 9th November: Remembrance Service in church, 9.30am

Monday 12th November – Friday 16th November: Cool to be Kind week

Friday 16th November: Non-uniform for Children in Need

Friday 16th November: Bring a bottle for the school Xmas Fayre

Tuesday 20th November: Educational visit to the National Space Centre, Leicester (arrive at school 7.25am, return 5pm)

Wednesday 21st November: Parents' maths evening, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Friday 23rd November: Decorations day

Saturday 24th November: School Xmas Fayre

Monday 26th November – Thursday 29th November: Cycle training

Friday 30th November: Occasional day (school closed)

Thursday 6th December: Panto

Tuesday 11th December: Open classrooms after school

Wednesday 19th December: Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 19th December: Xmas disco after school

Thursday 21st December: Last day, break up at 1.30pm

Reminders:

Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day, including training shoes. Children also need an art shirt in school at all times. Please don't forget to refresh your child's pencil case, as rubbers, glue sticks, pencils, etc. get worn out quite quickly! Children should also bring a water bottle each day, which should be labelled with their name.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mr Potter

An overview of learning in Year 5, Autumn 2nd Half Term, 2018-19

Understanding English, Communication and languages (Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)	Mathematical Understanding	Religious Education
- Power of Reading: fiction writing based on our class text, "Phoenix" by SF Said. - non-fiction texts, including reports, fact books and argument writing. - Grammar, handwriting, spellings and reading will continue to be taught daily within whole class sessions, small group work and individually - French, taught weekly by Mrs Archbold	- further developing knowledge of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes - adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using formal methods - using and applying number and calculation knowledge to solve problems and puzzles - understanding fractions and calculating fractions of an amount - measuring length, weight, time, money and capacity	Our value for this term is Peace. This half term the children will learn about symbols and actions in the Christian and Jewish faiths, and the symbolic significance of light in the religious celebrations of these faiths and others.
Scientific and Technological Understanding (Science, Design & Technology)	Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding (PSHE, History, Geography)	Computing
Our science this term will be based around our class theme of The Earth and Space. We will be learning about the objects that make up our solar system, and the movements of these objects that lead to day and night, the changing of the seasons, the phases of the moon, and lunar and solar eclipses.	History and geography fall within our topic of The Earth and Space, wherein we will be learning about the history of space exploration including the space race, the first man in space and the first moon landing. We will also be learning about the countries that have sent people and satellites into space.	Our Computing unit this term will be stop-motion animation. We will be using special software packages and ipads to create animations themed on The Earth and Space.
Understanding physical development, health and wellbeing. (Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)	Understanding the Arts (Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)	
Games will take place every Thursday afternoon with Game On, and indoor PE will be with Mrs Forsyth on Fridays.	<u>Art and Design</u> In art and design this term we will be producing mixed media pictures inspired by our work on our topic of The Earth and Space.	<u>Music</u> This term the children will continue to learn the ukulele.