



Year 5 Newsletter



Date: Advent 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you all back to school. We hope you have all had a good summer and managed to enjoy some family activities! We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Year 5 teaching staff. Mrs Nicholson will be the teacher in class all week and Mrs Myles, Mrs Moss and Mrs Daykin will be the teaching assistants in class throughout the week. Miss Shevlane will also be working with groups of children from time to time throughout the year. We are all really looking forward to working with you and your children.

Some lovely news to share already – we had a fully democratic vote within class to decide on the school council representatives for this year. I am pleased to announce that Arsema and Annette were the successful candidates!

Year 5 Team

<i>Advent Term / Anglo-Saxons and Forces</i>	Key vocabulary
English We will work on transcription, composition, grammar and punctuation through a range of text types such as diary writing, persuasive writing, narrative and non-fiction. Stimuli will come from a range of film, books and speaking and listening activities with some links to our History and Science topics above. Specific handwriting sessions will take place weekly. Children will practise spelling rules and patterns and these will be tested on a weekly basis.	Paragraphs Apostrophes Commas Brackets Relative clauses Dialogue Adverbials
Maths The areas covered this term are: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Times tables and arithmetic tests will be carried out regularly. The children are expected to know all times tables up to 12x12. This really helps them with multiplication tasks.	Digit Place value Numeral Sequence Partition Compare Integers Exchange Multiples
RE The topic this term is: Creation and Covenant. We will be exploring how the teaching of the virtues and Ten Commandments help us to act 'with great love' and love of neighbour.	Covenant Genesis Exodus Mount Sinai Ten Commandments Rules Sin Conscience Morals Virtues Cardinal virtues Theological virtues Justice Prudence

History The focus is '<i>How do we see Anglo-Saxon influence in Britain today?</i>' We will be looking at who this civilisation were and how they shaped aspects like law and order and why King Alfred was so 'Great'! 	Cyning Thane Churl Tithing Wergild Shire reeve Witan Kingdom
Science The topic this term is 'Forces'. The children will be learning about the different types of forces that are acting on Earth and what happens when these forces are balanced or unbalanced. 	Friction Gravity Air resistance Water resistance Lever Pulley Gears Newton Streamline
Art Our focus in art this half term is Mythical Creatures - Illustrations. We will be looking in detail at the work of Ivan Belikov and how his illustrations are used by various well-known companies.	Composition Modify Subject Representational Imaginary Modern
PSHE There will be a strong emphasis on understanding and demonstrating our school values which are: Kindness, Respect, Commitment, Responsibility, Appreciation, Honesty and Resilience. We will explicitly explore these values and underpin them in everyday school life.	Kindness Respect Commitment Responsibility Appreciation Honesty Resilience
Music: The children will have a choice to learn to play the guitar, toot or trumpet.	String Chord Beat Tempo
Computing: Computer Systems and Networks The children will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. They will explain the input, output, and process aspects of a variety of different real-world systems.	Input Output
P.E. Hockey and Fitness P.E. will take place on a Monday and Friday – the children can come to school dressed in their PE kits.	

School Values



Our school values are:

Kindness, Responsibility, Respect, Commitment, Appreciation, Honesty and Resilience.



Reading – please encourage your child to read every evening and ask them to record this in their reading diaries.

Maths - please encourage your child to practise times tables for 5 minutes each day:

Spellings - given out weekly and usually tested on Fridays.

Other homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday.

Polite Reminder

Please could we remind you that we have a strict NO nuts policy in school. There are members of our St Mary's family that have serious allergies.

Please check the contents of packed lunches carefully before sending them into school.

Thank you.