

YEAR 5 AUTUMN 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are as excited to get back into the school routine as I am. All the children seem to have had a lovely summer and are ready to get stuck into life in Year 5. We have really enjoyed getting to know the children again over the last couple of days and we are finding lots of things out which will help us learn together throughout the year.

Year 5 will be supported in their learning this year by Mrs Leng and Mrs Middleton. The children will also have Mr Lewandowski and his team delivering PE lessons on a Friday afternoon.

In English this half term, we will be studying the book 'Everest' which links with our geography unit all about Mountains. We will be creating a fact file about Everest, learning to use suspense and tension in our narrative writing, creating a diary entry for Hillary and Tenzing and learning to write a balanced argument. We will have a specific grammar focus each week where we recap some of the Year 4 grammar objectives and then begin to look at Year 5 objectives such as coordinating/subordinating conjunctions and modal verbs. We will begin a new spelling programme in school called 'Spelling Shed'. More information will be available soon but please encourage your child to practice their spellings regularly.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. In place value, we will be developing our conceptual understanding through comparing, ordering, and rounding numbers to 1,000,000. We will also be revising our knowledge of Roman numerals. In our addition and subtraction unit we will be recapping the written methods for adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than 4 digits and applying this learning to solving multi-step problems. Towards the end of the half term, we will be learning about factors, multiples, prime numbers and square numbers. Each week we will have a short session working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and recapping our times tables up to 12 x 12. Please encourage your child to practice them regularly as they are crucial for all elements of mathematics.

In science this half term, we will be studying forces which will include learning about gravity, air resistance and friction. To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please refer to the knowledge organisers which are available on our website.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ellis



Important Days

Reading books changed on a Monday but please bring them every day.

Friday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)
Spelling Test

Important Dates

September

Monday 18th Science Dome in school.
Thursday 21st Individual Photographs.
Thursday 21st Open the Book
Sunday 24th 11am Family Mass in Church.
Friday 29th 2:30pm Macmillan Coffee morning.

October

Monday 3rd 4pm Year 5 Curriculum meeting via zoom.
WB Monday 2nd October Whole school 'Ready Steady Read' sponsored read
Thursday 5th Rosary Day
Friday 6th 2:30pm Harvest Assembly.
Tuesday 24th Thursday 26th 4:00-6:30pm Parents Evening.
Thursday 26th School closes.
Friday 27th Training Day

