

YEAR 5 AUTUMN 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are as excited to get back into the school routine as we all are. Year 5 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 week 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 Wilson and Mrs Pounder. Mrs Pounder will be delivering PE lessons on Thursday afternoons. Swimming will begin next Tuesday (13th September) so please ensure your child comes to school 'beach ready' and brings a towel and snack.

This school year is a very exciting one for the children as they will be finally making their First Holy Communion. This is an extremely special time for you and your child.

In English this half term, we will be studying Michael Morpurgo as an author, looking at his life, career, achievements and a variety of his books. We will read Kaspar Prince of Cats and use this to write letters and descriptions. We will also link this with our geography unit of the United Kingdom and write non-chronological reports on the Titanic. We will have a specific grammar focus each week where we recap some of the Year 4 grammar objectives such as speech punctuation and paragraphs. We will then begin to look at Year 5 objectives such as coordinating/subordinating conjunctions and modal verbs. We will also continue to practise the Year 5/6 common exception words, the -ible/-able suffixes and homophones. 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 statistics. In place value, we will be developing our conceptual understanding through comparing, ordering and rounding numbers and using this knowledge to reason. We will also be revising our knowledge of Roman numerals. In statistics, we will be interpreting timetables and line graphs. There will be a problem solving and reasoning focus once a week, applying what we have learnt. We will also have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables up to 12 x 12. Please encourage your child to practice them regularly.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please see attached our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.
Many thanks,

Mrs Ellis and Mrs Georghiou



Important Days

Monday:

Reading books changed
Spelling Test

Tuesday:

Swimming kit

Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Friday:

Mental Maths Test.

Important Dates

September:

Wednesday 22nd

Year 5 to attend mass

Thursday 23rd

Individual school photos
Scooter day

Friday 24th

2.15pm Macmillan coffee
afternoon

Sunday 26th

11.00am Family Mass

Thursday 30th

School birthday celebration

October:

W/b 4th

Black History week
Mini Vinnie Harvest tin appeal
for SVP

Monday 4th

3.30pm Year 5 and Year 6
English parent meeting

Thursday 7th

Rosary Day

Friday 8th

Non-Uniform – wear green for
Cafod

Bring items for SVP food bank
2.30pm Harvest Festival

Thursday 14th

Water safety talk KS2

Monday 18th

4.00-6.30pm Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th

Planetarium in school

4.00-6.30pm

Parents Evening*

Thursday 21st

Break up for half term.

Friday 22nd

Training Day

