

# YEAR 5 AUTUMN 2

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It was lovely to see you all at parents evening and I hope you all had a good rest over the October half term holiday. I am looking forward to starting a new half term with Year 5 and can't wait to get stuck into even more new and exciting learning. We felt that we really got to know the children over the first half term, so we are looking forward to working with each one of them to support them in achieving their very best.

In our English lessons, we will be reading a historical novel called Anglo Saxon Boy. The text links perfectly with our history topic for the half term – the Anglo Saxons – and we will be focusing upon our use of figurative language including similes, metaphors and choice of adjectives to write a gripping speech and a thrilling newspaper report about the infamous Battle of Hastings. We will then explore the book 'Hidden Figures' which retells the remarkable story of the first four women in space which complements our science topic about Earth and Space. Towards the end of the term, we will be learning about limericks and creating some of our own Christmas themed rhymes. In our grammar focus, we will consolidate direct and indirect speech and learn about relative clauses and types of parenthesis.

In maths this half term, we will continue looking at multiplication and division where we will be learning about factors, multiples, prime, square and cube numbers as well as consolidating our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. We will move on to looking at fractions exploring and comparing equivalent fractions. On a Monday, we will also have a mental maths lesson working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables up to 12 x 12.

This half term, Year 5 will be leading our Christmas Carol Concert for KS2 and take part in a Creative Day at St Mary's Menston where the children will participate in an art, music and technology lesson.

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



### Reminder

**Charity donations this half term  
(Greatly appreciated)**

Chocolate Advent Calendar-  
SVP foodbank.

Woolly Hat Appeal- Seafarers.

Refugee Christmas presents.

Chocolate bar for Christmas  
Fair.

### Important Days

Reading books every day.

#### **Monday:**

Reading books changed  
Spelling Test

#### **Friday:**

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

### **November**

W/b 13.11.23

Antibullying week

13<sup>th</sup> Odd Socks Day

14<sup>th</sup> Creative Day- St  
Mary's Menston

30<sup>th</sup> Bring greenery for  
wreath making.

### **December**

3<sup>rd</sup> 11am Family Mass in  
church

5<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Year 5 and  
Year 6 Advent

Workshop

6<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Pantomime  
in school

8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper  
Day

8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner  
Day

13<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccines

15<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm Christmas  
Fair

18<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm KS2 Carol  
Service led by Year 5

14<sup>th</sup> End of Woolly Hat  
campaign

19<sup>th</sup> Reindeer Run (PE  
kit to be worn)

21<sup>st</sup> Christmas party  
day

22<sup>nd</sup> Non uniform day.

22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30am Whole  
School Mass

Finish for Christmas  
holidays.

