

# YEAR 5 AUTUMN 2

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2018

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term and are ready for the busy weeks ahead. It was great meeting you all at parent's evening before the holiday. I hope you all found it useful to see how your child is getting on.

This half term, whilst very busy, is a lovely time of year in school. We will be preparing for Christmas along side our usual day to day work. Our history topic will continue, as will our science topic, before we move on to looking at 'forces'.

Year 5 will be supported in their learning this term by Mrs Barbara Pounder, who will be delivering PE lessons on Thursday afternoons, Mrs Wilson on Monday afternoons for Spanish and Mrs Georgiou, who will be teaching music on a two-weekly cycle, on Wednesday mornings.

This will be my last half term at St Mary's after 10 happy years! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year and assure you that the transition between myself and the new Year 5 teacher will be as smooth as possible.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.  
Many thanks,  
Mrs Byrne.



### Homework

To ensure the children reach their full potential, it is vital homework is completed. If your child does not complete their homework for the day required, they will be expected to stay in during their playtime to complete the task set.

Reading: Year 5 children are expected to read for 20 minutes per night. Children can change their reading book as often as they would like, but at least once a week please. Once each half term a reading book activity will be set as part of the English homework for that week.

Spellings/handwriting: this half term we will continue to spend time in class revising spelling rules and looking at multi-sensory ways of learning and remembering spellings. The children will be tested regularly in class and will be given a list of spellings each week to learn. This will also be linked to our cursive handwriting which will be practised every day.

Maths: this half term we will be continuing our mental maths test each week to incorporate mental strategies for working out calculations as well as times tables. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables on a regular basis to support them with this learning. The children will also be encouraged to use 'Mathletics' both at home and at school which will provide extra practice for some of these basic strategies.

Written Homework: This will be given out on a Monday to be returned on a Wednesday and on a Wednesday to be returned on a Friday. This task should take about 20 minutes and is completed in a homework book, unless stated otherwise.

### Important Days

**Monday:**  
Literacy homework given out.  
Spellings for the week.

**Wednesday:**  
Literacy homework due in.  
Maths homework given out.

**Thursday:**  
PE kit required  
Musical instruments for those who have lessons.

**Friday:**  
Maths homework due in.

### **Important Dates:**

Mon 12 Nov:	Odd Sock Day – Anti-bullying week
Fri 16 Nov:	Non-uniform for children in Need donation
Mon 19 Nov:	Year 5 and 6 maths evening to parents 3.30pm
Fri 23 Nov:	Parents forum – 9.15am to discuss homework
Thurs 29 Nov:	Pantomime 1.30pm
Wed 5 Dec:	Year 5 Jesse tree worship
Thurs 6 Dec:	Advent workshop year 5 and 6 - 2pm
Fri 14 Dec:	Christmas jumper day / Christmas Dinner
Mon 17 Dec:	KS2 Carol Concert – 6pm
Wed 19 Dec:	Christmas parties
Fri 21 Dec:	Whole school mass 9.30am
	School closes for Christmas holiday.

## English

Our English this half term will continue to include a mixture of discrete teaching of spelling, punctuation and grammar and plenty of opportunities for the children to apply these skills to both fiction and non-fiction writing. We will be sharing whole class texts linked to our World War 2 topic, as well as using short film clips to stimulate writing. Reading will continue through whole class texts as well as smaller group work, allowing the children to analyse and interpret text appropriately.

## PE

Year 5 will have an afternoon of PE every Thursday, taught by Mrs Pounder. PE this half term will include fitness training, to build up the children's stamina, and basketball. The children will develop passing skills as well as working and supporting each other in a team.

## History

Our focus this half term will continue to be World War 2. We will focus on evacuation of children during the war; the home front (the Blitz, blackout, rationing); government campaigns and the celebrations when the war finally came to an end.

## RE

Our focus for RE this half term is 'God's Covenants'. The children will be investigating what covenant means before looking at God's covenants with Moses, Abraham and Noah. The children will then be given the opportunity to reflect on our covenant with God and our need to grow in faith and trust in God.



## Computing

Our focus for ICT this half term will continue to involve the children using the green screen technology on the iPad. This half term the children will be asked to complete a small project of their choice connected to the work in English and history. They will be given the opportunity to dress up and act out the scenes on camera to create a short film which we will share on the website!

## Music

Music this half term will include learning to perform World War 2 songs and Christmas songs, as well as using the music from the Charanga scheme. This will include games involving the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments.

## Mathematics

In maths, Year 5 will be concentrating on: statistics, multiplication and division. The children will be focusing on solving problems involving line graphs as well as completing, reading and interpreting data in tables. They will then begin looking at multiplication methods, both mental strategies and written formal methods; identifying multiples and factors of numbers; recognising and using squared and cubed numbers and establishing whether a number within 100 is a prime number.

## Science

In science, Year 5 will complete their topic about Earth and Space before moving onto looking at forces. This will involve investigating forces such as: gravity, frictions, air and water resistance and how these affect us daily.

## DT

This half term we will be linking our topic and DT together. In DT the children will be given the opportunity to follow recipes from WW2 to make typical wartime meals on a ration! They will also create their own model of a war time garden including an Anderson shelter.