

# YEAR 5 SPRING 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2019

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year, and welcome back after the holidays. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and you are ready for the half term ahead.

I would like to thank you for your kind words and the warm welcome you have given me. Our main topic this term is the Victorians which is a particular favourite of mine, providing children with rich writing opportunities and also a chance to explore a history which has a close relevance to the times we are living through.

I have really enjoyed this first week and I am sure a wonderful year is in store full of outstanding learning and achieving for every member of the class.

If you have any concerns or questions at all, my door is always open, so please ask.

Kindest Regards

Mr Socha

### Homework

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Homework Projects

During this half-term each class is trialling a different type of homework activity. In Year 5, I have given out a homework project. I hope it inspires and motivates children to produce some fantastic work. If this type of homework continues, I hope to focus on a different skill each half-term e.g. writing, acting, etc. I would love to hear what your opinions are about this.

### Important Days

#### Monday:

Spellings for the week.

#### Thursday

PE kit required

Musical instruments for those who have lessons.

#### Friday:

Spelling test to take place

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### Important Dates

Fri 11 Jan	Whole school mass led by Year 6 (9.30am)
Mon 14 Jan	Multi-faith week begins.
Fri 18 Jan	Parent drop-in for Multi-faith week (3.15 pm)
Mon 21 Jan	Parents SPAG meeting (3.30 pm)
Mon 4 Feb	Mental health week begins
Fri 15 Feb	School closes for half term

## 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.

As well as exploring the characters and novels of Charles Dickens, we will be beginning to use the resources and strategies of Philip Webb to gain a greater understanding of the features of engaging, effective narratives.

## RE

Our focus for RE this half term is 'Inspirational people'. We will be discussing the inspiration offered to us from Jesus; what it means to be a follower of Jesus; studying the Beatitudes and what it means to be a saint. We will also be thinking about who inspires us as individuals, presenting our own ideas to the rest of the class.

## Mathematics

In maths, Year 5 will be concentrating on:

- Long multiplication and short division.
- Converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers.
- Reducing equivalent fractions to their simplest forms.
- Learning that a percentage means out of one hundred.
- Understanding the equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages.

# The Year 5 Curriculum



## Half-Term 3



## PE

Year 5 will have an afternoon of PE every Thursday, taught by Mrs Pounder. This will involve a mixture of fitness, basketball and football where the children will be encouraged to work in teams and support each other.

## Computing

Our focus for ICT this half term will involve the children creating their own webpages. They will discover what makes a good website and then use colour, image and engaging fonts to produce their own.

## Science

In science Year 5 will be looking at properties and changes of materials. We will explore the states of matter as well as how to separate certain mixtures. Children will look closely at grouping materials together in relation to certain properties such as hardness and solubility

## Geography/History

In history, children will immerse themselves in the world of Victorian Britain. They will discover about the life of Queen Victoria, as well as the great achievements and events of the time. They will learn what life was like for the very rich and poor.

## Music

This half term all the learning is focused around one song: Make You Feel My Love. It will take place through an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music (pulse, rhythm and pitch), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other pop ballads.

## ART/DT

This half term we will be focusing on the work of the Impressionists, specifically Monet. We will examine his life and influences, as well as his painting styles. This will culminate in children creating their own masterpieces.