

YEAR 5

OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH PRIMARY SCHOOL / AUTUMN TERM CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to OLSJ and to the start of Year 5. We hope you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. Please see below for curriculum information for this Autumn term.

Literacy: We have begun reading Goodnight Mister Tom, which is a fictional book set in WW2. We will be focusing on different types of writing based around the novel, including: diary entries, letters, character and setting descriptions and making predictions based on evidence from the text. We will also be focusing on spelling, grammar, punctuation and our comprehension skills.

Numeracy: We will be focusing on many key areas in this first term, including:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

We will also be focusing on improving our mental arithmetic, timetables and our written and verbal mathematical reasoning.

R.E: The topics we will be covering this term are Family- Ourselves, Baptism-Confirmation and Advent-Christmas. We will be focusing on a variety of inspirational people throughout the term. Each week, we will continue to focus on the Gospel reading in the Word on Wednesday. We encourage parents to discuss the interpretation of the Gospel in order to consolidate the children's understanding.

Science (this half term): Properties and changes of Materials.

ICT: Using the internet to research information, E-safety and Digital citizenship.

History and Geography (after October half term): WW2: The historical and geographical impact on the UK.

Spanish: Spanish will be taught throughout the year, often with cross curricular links.

Art and Design: We will be creating art work based on our topic areas and R,E, as well as focusing in on some key artistic techniques such as pointillism.

P.E: P.E will take place every Wednesday afternoon with Mr James and swimming will continue every Friday until Christmas.

Your support at home is invaluable in aiding your child's progression. Please encourage your child to read daily and engage in a wide variety of texts and also to review their timetables and spellings with them. I look forward to working with you all this year.

Many thanks for your support,

Kind regards,

Ms Harries.

