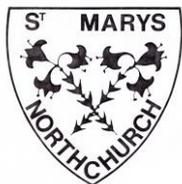


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Year 5 Curriculum Letter Autumn 2nd Half Term 2019-20

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope you enjoyed your half term break and managed to enjoy some quality time with your children. We are now well into the swing of Year 5, with our classroom routines settled and the children understanding the higher expectations now that they are in upper Key Stage 2. I am happy to report that the general level of the children's work has been very good so far! Our faith value this half term is "Peace", while our class topic is "The Earth and Space", which the children are already very excited about. Linking into this topic, our Power of Reading book this term is "Phoenix" by S F Said, an exciting science fiction adventure novel set in space!

Dates for your diary:

Friday 8th November: Remembrance Service in church, 9.30am
Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November: Change starts with us week
Tuesday 12th November: Educational visit to the National Space Centre, Leicester (arrive at school 7.25am, return 5pm)
Friday 15th November: Non-uniform day for Children in Need
Friday 22nd November: Just One Tree day
Thursday 28th November: Decorations day
Thursday 5th December: Pantomime
Saturday 7th December: School Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 10th December: Open classrooms after school
Wednesday 11th December: Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th December: Rock Steady concert, 2pm
Friday 20th December: Christingle service 11am; break up at 1.30pm
Monday 6th January: Inset day
Tuesday 7th January: Pupils return to school

Reminders:

Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day, including training shoes. Children also need an art shirt in school at all times. Please don't forget to refresh your child's pencil case, as rubbers, glue sticks, pencils, etc. get worn out quite quickly! Children should also bring a water bottle each day, which should be labelled with their name.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mr Potter

An overview of learning in Year 5, Autumn 2nd Half Term, 2019-20

Understanding English, Communication and languages (Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)	Mathematical Understanding	Religious Education
- fiction writing based on our class text, "Phoenix" by SF Said. - non-fiction texts, including reports, fact books and argument writing. - grammar, handwriting, spellings and reading will continue to be taught daily within whole class sessions, small group work and individually - French, taught weekly by Mrs Archbold	- understanding fractions and calculating fractions of an amount - understanding decimals and percentages in relation to fractions - developing knowledge of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes - adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using formal methods - using and applying number and calculation knowledge to solve problems and puzzles	Our value for this term is Peace. This half term the children will learn about symbols and actions in the Christian and Jewish faiths, and the symbolic significance of light in the religious celebrations of these faiths and others.
Scientific and Technological Understanding (Science, Design & Technology)	Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding (PSHE, History, Geography)	Computing
Our science this term will be based around our class theme of The Earth and Space. We will be learning about the objects that make up our solar system, and the movements of these objects that lead to day and night, the changing of the seasons, the phases of the moon, and lunar and solar eclipses.	History and geography fall within our topic of The Earth and Space, wherein we will be learning about the history of space exploration including the space race, the first man in space and the first moon landing. We will also be learning about the countries that have sent people and satellites into space.	Our Computing unit this term will be to understand the uses of databases for organising large sets of data. We will learn to search pre-existing databases using queries and to build our databases and enter data sets into them.
Understanding physical development, health and wellbeing. (Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)	Understanding the Arts (Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)	
Games will take place every Thursday afternoon with Game On, and indoor PE will be with Mrs Forsyth on Fridays.	<u>Art and Design</u> In art and design this term we will be producing mixed media pictures inspired by our work on our topic of The Earth and Space, as well as creating other space-themed projects.	<u>Music</u> This term the children will continue to learn about the composition and recital of music through their lessons on the ukulele.