

Excellence Together, Learning through Faith.



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Year 5 Curriculum Letter Spring 1st Half Term 2019-20

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the first half-term of the new year. I hope you had a joyful Christmas and that Santa brought you and your children everything you asked for. Also, may I take the opportunity to wish you a happy new year, and I trust you are all sticking to your new year's resolutions!

Our whole-school faith value for the coming half-term is "Love". Meanwhile, for our class topic, we will be studying the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, with particular focus on their explorations, settlements, religion, writings and way of life. Linking into this topic, our class reading books this term will be a modern translation of the Anglo-Saxon epic "Beowulf" written by Michael Morpurgo, as well as selections from a book of Norse Myths.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 28th January: whole-school RE day
Wednesday 5th February: open classrooms after school
Thursday 13th February: Year 5 class assembly, 9.10am
Thurs 23rd January: Choir singing at the O2
Monday 10th – Friday 14th February: Feeling Good week
Friday 14th February: break up for half term
Monday 24th Feb: children return

Reminders:

PE kit and art shirts

Please ensure your child has a replenished pencil case for this half term, and that painting shirts and PE kits are in school at all times. As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning or about anything else, please don't hesitate to ask!

Mr Potter

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

Understanding English, Communication and languages (Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)	Mathematical Understanding	Religious Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fiction writing based on our class text, "Beowulf" by Michael Morpurgo. - non-fiction texts, including discussion and persuasive writing. - grammar, handwriting and spellings will continue to be taught in discrete sessions both with Mr Potter and with Mrs Forsyth on Fridays. - French, taught weekly by Mr Potter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consolidating understanding of written calculations for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using formal methods - using and applying number and calculation knowledge to solve problems and puzzles - understanding and calculating with fractions - measuring length, weight, time, money and capacity, and working out fractions of these amounts 	<p>Our value for this term is Love. The children will be learning about the Jewish religion, including their stories, important figures and celebrations including Purim and Passover.</p> <p>They will explore the meanings of Jewish symbols and the tradition of Shabbat.</p>
Scientific and Technological Understanding (Science, Design & Technology)	Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding (PSHE, History, Geography)	Computing
<p>Our science this term will include learning about forces including friction and gravity, and the properties of materials. This will include learning about the water cycle, changes of state, and how we use different materials for different jobs depending on their properties.</p>	<p>In history and geography, we will be studying the events of the Viking invasion of Britain. We will study and compare the lives of Viking invaders to the lives of the Anglo-Saxons who lived in Britain at the time. We will study Viking money, ships, warfare and lifestyles.</p>	<p>For our computing unit this term we will be looking in depth at the use of spreadsheet software to organise and look up information, including creating spreadsheets of our own from scratch.</p>
Understanding physical development, health and wellbeing. (Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)	Understanding the Arts (Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)	
<p>Games will take place every Thursday afternoon with Game On, and indoor PE will be with Mrs Forsyth on Fridays. PSHE is led by Mrs Archbold on Thursday afternoons.</p>	<p><u>Art and Design</u> Our art and design work this term will be inspired by our work in our topic. We will be creating Rune Stones and Viking Longships.</p>	<p><u>Music</u> This term the children will continue to learn the ukulele.</p>